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It's Greatest Gift

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ANNOUNCEMENT was made this week at the Golden Jubilee meeting of the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States that Archbishop John F. Noll, through OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, had made a contribution of \$150,000 to the Society. The announcement was made by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch and the Most Rev. William D. O'Brien, respectively Chancellor and President of the Extension Society.

It was further announced that Archbishop Noll, acting as President and with the approval of the Board of Trustees of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, had pledged a similar contribution each year in the future, unless circumstances presently unforeseen should make such a gift impractical or impossible.

The contribution for Extension's Golden Jubilee year was made in two installments, \$50,000 having been forwarded on March 24 and an additional \$100,000 on October 13.

In acknowledging the contribution from OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, Cardinal Stritch wrote to Archbishop Noll in part as follows:

"I find it hard to express to you my own deep thanks and the thanks of The Catholic Church Extension Society of America for your letter of October 13, 1955, and its enclosures—OUR SUNDAY VISITOR's check payable to the Catholic Church Extension Society for \$100,000.00 and a copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR at a Corporate Meeting . . . The check for \$100,000.00 with the check for \$50,000.00 sent by you early this year meets certainly the generous and outstanding promise of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR . . .

"Always we have known your charity to the missions. The Extension Society carries on its records your deep interest in its work. I personally have had very many opportunities to see your abounding charity to our Home Missions. In a short letter it is impossible to point out how much all of us are indebted to you for your zeal and charity to our Home Missions. Your proposal to the Board of Directors of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR was like a golden crown to all that you have done for Extension Society. The Resolution passed by the Board is a tribute to you and to The Extension Society. We thank you for your confidence. In accepting this charity and munificent contribution, we beg God to reward you and your Board. In our feebleness to express our thanks we can only say: Thanks! May God reward you! We shall pray for you and all your noble enterprises."

Further appreciation of the gift was expressed by Archbishop O'Brien for O.S.V.'s "unprecedented donation, coming as it does in the first month of Extension's fifty-first year, an augury, we hope and pray, for the second fifty years of the work of the Catholic Church Extension Society."

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR's contribution for this year—and we trust for many years to come—was made by Archbishop Noll and his fellow trustees largely in the light of his long and continued interest in the Extension Society. Archbishop O'Brien recalled this when he wrote:

"Yes, my dear Archbishop, I well remember in the early days of Extension how interested you were with Monsignor Kelley in the work of the Society, so much so, if I remember correctly, that he wanted you to come into the Society with him. Certainly, during all the years, especially the formative ones, you were the greatest benefactor (Continued on page 15)

U.S. Bishops Defend 'The Place of the Private and Church-Related Schools in American Education'

Statement issued by the Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops of the U.S. at the close of their annual meeting, November 16-18, 1955.

FREEDOM under God is America's dearest treasure. Its roots lie deep in her Christian heritage, and its germ is the concept of man's personal responsibility to his Creator for his temporal and eternal salvation. Here in America freedom has flowered in an ordered democracy, which guarantees to her citizens the widest latitude of individual expression within the framework of commonly held principles of justice, decency, and law.

To preserve freedom America must teach freedom. It is in the schools of the nation, preeminently, that this educative process is carried on. It is in the classroom that the principles underlying our Christian concept of human liberty must be defined and inculcated, if future generations are to appreciate, defend, and preserve it. But that this be done, it is an absolutely necessary condition that the schools of America should themselves be guaranteed their rightful freedom to teach the truth.

Historically and actually our nation has been blessed with educational freedom. Her school system is not a closed, unitary creation of the state, a servile instrument of governmental monopoly, but one which embraces, together with the state-supported schools, a whole enormous cluster of private and church-related schools, including many of the most honored names in the entire educational world, and devoted to the education of many millions of the nation's youth.

That these private and church-related schools serve a minority in America, by sheer numerical computation, is a purely incidental factor, and it is plainly unrealistic thinking to discount their importance on that score. Indeed, it is unrealistic to belittle in any way the schools in which more than five million young Americans are currently receiving their education. These schools, emphatically, are an integral part of the American educational system. And so long as our nation is faithful to her principles of justice

and due process of law, these schools will remain a permanent part of that system.

It is not without significance that the private and church-related schools were the first in the field of American education. For well-nigh two centuries, during our Colonial and early National periods, they occupied that field alone. It was from such schools, as from fruitful seed-beds, that there came the guiding intellectual and moral impulses which led to the definition and establishment of American freedom, no less than the leadership which launched the young Republic on her career in history. The familiar pride of a Daniel Webster in his alma mater, which was both private and church-related, is echoed by countless other Americans in all walks of life and at all stages of our growth. And it is demonstrably a faulty interpretation of the mind of such a liberal theorist as Thomas Jefferson which would present him as a champion of a monopolistic state system of education.

As Catholics, our memory is stirred by the recollection of the valiant efforts of our religious founders in this country to provide, out of their slender resources, for the educational needs of their people. We think of young John Carroll, destined to be our first Bishop, conning his lessons at Bohemia Manor, in Colonial Maryland. The torch he grasped there was to be carried by myriad hands to enkindle brighter fires from end to end of our expanding nation. It is with honest pride that we survey the development of Catholic education in America, so intimately a part of her cultural growth, so deeply intertwined with the traditions and aspirations of her people. The Catholic school has matured with the Church, a joint product of the foresight of the Bishops and the enlightened generosity of her faithful. It is no foreign importation, no alien growth, but a sturdy native plant, a conspicuous example of a common religious impulse working under the (Continued on page 3)

This Sunday we begin a special period of preparation for the coming of the Christ-Child on Christmas. We are reminded in this period how the Jews looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. Just as they spent much time in prayer and fasting, so we should be mortified during Advent as our preparation to become worthy of the great mystery of Christmas which we will celebrate in a few weeks.





GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend

Fulton J. Sheen

SHORTLY after the Resurrection, Peter and John were fishing, when suddenly they saw a shadow on the shore. John then said to Peter, "It is the Lord." No one will ever understand the world or its politics, the trials and the blessings of life, unless he can see behind the shadow of each, "It is the Lord." Nature is but the veil of the Lord. The miracles were the unveiling of the true Author of things and a revelation of the Orderer behind the order. They seem to be interruptions to the laws of nature, but actually they are the lifting of the curtain by which God's sustaining and creative power is seen in nature. The mystery of this universe, bereavements in our family, sickness in one moment, prosperity in another, all of these are shrouded in hopeful obscurity, until we learn to see that all laws suppose a Law giver, and until we see that Form, which these disciples saw in the morning twilight, and say "It is the Lord."

It takes Faith, but as we see the Church in China hanging on a Cross, we must confess: "It is the Lord." Behind our appeal for the lepers of the world, our petition to give as much each year to the Holy Father for his Missions as you can—behind this appeal you confess as did John, "It is the Lord."

It is a wasted, weary world until it is filled with the sign of His Presence. Either we see Christ in everything and are blessed, or we miss Him and are miserable. If we do not see Him, it is because we are too covered with our selfish desires, our egotisms, our quests for pleasure, and our fear of sacrifice. Deny yourself something; sacrifice a luxury, a dessert, a cocktail, anything, but do it out of love of Our Lord and for the spread of His Kingdom and you will be surprised how quickly you will perceive His Presence in the shadows.

GOD LOVE YOU to V. H. "Enclosed is a money order for \$40—that is ten per cent of the money I spent on my vacation." . . . to A. K. "The enclosed \$115 represents tips received for playing at Wedding Masses." . . . to H. S. H. for \$5. "Today is my birthday, and I have had a wonderful day, receiving nice gifts, etc. One thing remains to complete the day: to send a bit of my happiness to someone else." . . . to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. "Today is our fifteenth wedding anniversary and instead of going out to celebrate, and buying each other gifts, we are sending you the \$100 for the poor of the world." . . . to M. M. G. for \$3. "This is the money we received for selling scrap iron. My husband said I could spend it as I please. I feel some missionary can spend it to better advantage than I." . . . to H. N. "On a recent trip, I saved this \$20 by sleeping under the stars in sleeping bags. The missions can benefit from this economy." . . . to L. C. B. "Enclosed find a check for \$18, for the missions. I save 50 cents a week for that purpose." . . . to M. P. "This \$10 is in thanksgiving for a successful operation."

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, 1x, N. Y. or your diocesan director.

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Editors' Views on Current Events

Right or Wrong

Low Standards in Public Schools

TIME magazine recently gave 2½ columns to a withering blast at the low standards in the public school system. It was an extended review of Joan Dunn's *Retreat From Learning* (McKay, \$3). After four years of experience teaching English in a Brooklyn high school, Miss Dunn gave up. She averaged ten hours of hard work a day with take-home pay of only \$40 weekly.

Most depressing, however, was the students' refusal to learn, with discipline complicated by their knowledge that, by law, they could not be thrown out.

Apparently things were not as bad as in "Blackboard Jungle"—not quite. But "almost every class had its sullen and defiant pupils who would yawn, lounge, drum, stamp, and wander about at will." To many of them, "school is a clubhouse, a place of amusement, a convenient place for getting cheap lunches, meeting friends."

"The prevailing idea regarding texts is that if one is too difficult, get an easier, more 'modern' one . . . The print gets larger, the pictures more numerous, and I fear that the next and final development will be the substitution of pictures for words . . ."

The net result: "The new methodology has raised a breed of child afraid of no one, awed by no rule or regulation . . . School has become their toy, and they cannot understand a teacher's refusal to let them play with it . . ."

There is only one way to straighten out such a mess. Start teaching the children in first grade about God, heaven, hell, the Ten Commandments. Show them how the Fourth Commandment enjoins obedience to parents and teachers, respect for all older people. Tell them that disobedience and disrespect are sins to be mentioned in confession. Train them to jump to their feet whenever the principal or any visitor enters the room.

That's the way we do it in our schools, and we have order. Anyone who has been taught by the Sisters or the Brothers can recall their quiet confidence and the tremendous authority they wielded. One steely glance could cow the most riotous horseplay. Sister kept a ruler in her desk but she seldom had to use it. When she did, it was a matter of six or eight stinging cracks on the palm of the hand. Offhand, we can't recall anyone being maimed by the discipline.

But Sister's ace-card was the threat of sending us to the pastor. We all loved him, but we knew that his anger was formidable and—well, he was the great unknown, as far as discipline went. One never knew what form his wrath might take. He might even send for our parents, and then we would really catch it!

A student at a state university tells us that he is there after five semesters in Catholic colleges simply because his funds ran out.

"I've found myself confronted with religious arguments on all sides," he writes, "and despite more than 14 years of Catholic education I've been at a loss for a good defense of my beliefs many times."

His letter was occasioned by our editorial on Luther a few weeks ago, which he found most helpful for background with a required course in Western Civilization.

"I would also like to add a word," he concludes, "to any young high school graduate who might be thinking of going to a state university. As any good priest will tell you (probably some of them already have), don't go! You might think priests exaggerate state-school conditions, but take it from a 'plain ole 21-year-old,' they don't. You'll find all sorts of people trying to convert you to all kinds of different things. And, to paraphrase Our Lord, they're not with you, they're against you."

The voice of experience . . .

Incidentally, that Luther article was considered fairly "strong meat" by a few of our staff, but our readers evidently took it in stride, for it raised barely a ripple in the way of letters of comment. A few thought it was untactful. But the recent Luther movie was most untactful, too, in presenting a picture of Luther and Catholic churchmen that could only have been deliberately misleading. During 42 years of

editing OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, Archbishop Noll set a policy of fighting with bare knuckles. He never in his life ran away from a fight, and there were times when, as a young priest, he would face a hostile crowd and hurl the truth in their teeth, literally at the peril of his life.

We believe in driving the heretics back to their origins. Show them what manner of men their founders were. Grind their faces in the truth. Never let them forget their putrid beginnings. Then if they still want to take their religion from such miscreants, they can't say they haven't been told.

One or two Lutheran readers asked why we did not give a citation for every quotation from the great Deformer. Had we done so, it would have required twice the space we had available. Besides, Luther's works have not yet been translated and it requires a special knowledge to read his archaic German. There are very few sets of his works to be found in even the larger cities, and comparatively few of our readers would have the time or the inclination to verify the many quotations given.

However, we are prepared to cite chapter and verse from Luther's writings for every passage quoted. We have them all at our elbow on the shelves of our library.

According to the evening paper, the Lutherans are embarking on a definitive translation of their founder's works. It is expected to come to 14 volumes. We shall follow this project with great interest.

If they translate everything, many a devout Lutheran will give up in disgust, for Luther was a foul-mouthed genius given to imagery borrowed from the lavatory and freely expressed in all those nasty little four-letter words better kept out back.

They'll have to do at least a little bowdlerizing in that direction. But will they have the nerve to include such shockers as we quoted in our article of last month?

We intend to give these volumes a searching review, making a line for line comparison with the original German, and if there is anything omitted, we'll let you know.

There are many American Catholics who will never forgive Herbert Hoover for defeating Al Smith in 1928, and there are others who blame him for the great depression that followed so soon afterward. But with the passing of time, most of that rancor has vanished and he is now recognized as a great and unselfish statesman and patriot. We are happy to quote his Armistice Day speech at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington:

"We dedicate ourselves again to maintain that pride in our nation which surges from a thousand rills of heroic deeds, of sacrifice and its mighty stream of achievement. Those who fought and died had no belief that patriotism was a sin and pride in nation was an evil. They marched with our flag before their eyes and our national anthem on their lips."

We see that a Norfolk convert has started manufacturing religious plaques suitable for a child's nursery. It's about time! We have often wondered why no enterprising businessman has thus far thought of religious wallpaper for the same purpose. An infant would grow up surrounded with pictures of the Holy Family, scenes from the Bible, phrases from the Our Father and the Hail Mary, etc. The saints would be his intimates from the start, and much more helpful than Mother Goose, Little Jack Horner, or Jack Spratt.

Two Maryknoll Bishops discussed Communism on the same night but in two widely separated cities.

In Worcester, Mass., Bishop Frederick A. Donaghy said that "there is no reason to hope for peace," and there is "absolutely no hope of peaceful coexistence" between Catholics and Communists.

At the same time, in Rochester, N. Y., Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Maryknoll Superior General, was telling the faculty and students of Nazareth College that "the 20th century may well be the closing time of the human race." He deplored the "small technique" used in international diplomacy, wondering if "actually we are not being laughed at." Bishop Lane contends that our country has never faced a worse period. He called Geneva a "sellout" and asked his listeners to pray for men in public positions whose decisions might mean the survival of Christianity.

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favorable conditions of our Republic.

The rise and vigorous expansion of the American educational system is cited, correctly, as one of the major achievements of Western civilization. During the past hundred years, in particular, general education, sponsored by states and communities, religious groups and private bodies, has come very near to the goal of providing adequate educational opportunities for every American. It would be blind prejudice which would refuse to acknowledge, in this connection, the tremendous accomplishments of the public educational agencies. Whatever uneasiness may or must be felt on the score of educational theory and philosophy as illustrated in large areas of American teaching, the plain physical fact of the school system is a matter for unanimous congratulation. This, at least in part, is what freedom has achieved.

But if the unparalleled growth of the schools supported by public funds is a mighty tribute to America's zeal for learning and her ambition to build an intelligent democratic society, no less astonishing has been the growth and accomplishment of the private and church-related schools during the same relative period. In candor, it deserves to be said that their record affords an even more impressive example of the American spirit at work, for it has been brought about not by the advantage of public funds nor by the spur of legislative mandate, but by the free cooperation of those convinced of their importance and necessity. It is, incidentally, wholly erroneous to conceive that these schools represent a diminishing force in the American educational system. Their growth today, proportionately, equals where it does not actually exceed that of schools maintained by public authority.

Let this be fully understood: Private and church-related schools in America exist not by sufferance but by right. The right is implicit in the whole concept of American freedom and immunity from totalitarian oppression and in the constitutional framework of our Federal government and of the several States. Under attack it has been rendered explicit by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the celebrated Oregon School Case. Thus far, happily, the right of the parent to educate the child has not been successfully challenged in any American court. The country agrees that this right is basic to the definition of freedom. Be that education provided by the state-supported school, the private school, or the church-affiliated school, the choice of the parent is decisive. If the state has a concurrent right to decree a minimal education for its citizens, as a vital necessity in a modern democratic society, that right does not extend to an arbitrary designation of the school or the educational agency. It is, rather, a general right, limited by the primary right of the parent to exercise his choice according to his best wisdom and his conscience. Indeed, it is worth remarking that while the state may usefully engage in the business of education, as demonstrated in our national experience, it has no authority either to monopolize the field or to arrogate to itself exclusive privileges and powers. The state, by definition, is not itself primarily an educative agency. The right of the parent to attend to the child's education is, moreover, antecedent to any human law or institution. It is vested in his very nature and is demanded as a fulfillment of his actual parenthood. In this it reflects the inviolability of the human person and his freedom under God. It is indeed a right which must be exercised in accordance with sound reason and consistently with the just demands of society, but it remains fundamentally intact in the parent's keeping. It is a manifestation of the law of nature in concrete action. So it is that private and religious education in America rests upon the law of nature as well as upon the law of the land.

For Catholic parents there is an additional imperative. As they willingly accept the obligations of their faith, they realize that the mind of the Church on so important a subject as education cannot in conscience be ignored. As this mind is interpreted for them by their spiritual leaders, the Bishops, they know that the circumstances of modern life demand the positive training of their children in the fundamentals of religion, a training which cannot be soundly imparted elsewhere than in schools dedicated to the purpose. As conscientious Catholics, they "think with the Church"; with supreme confidence in a divine wisdom, and with magnificent generosity, they have provided the indicated means, the Catholic school.

It is dangerous thinking to suppose that the existence of the private school is an infringement upon the domain of the school supported by public funds. The private school is a concrete demonstration of the fact that education is not a monopoly of public authority. It should be added, moreover, that the private school provides a saving and challenging variety in the total system, beneficial to the whole and manifestly fruitful in its effects. Those who would seek to abolish the private school would not only sin against justice, they would destroy something very precious in American life.

Neither is the church-related school a limitation on the right of the state to insure an educated citizenry. It exists not only to fulfill the function of education in our democratic society, but specifically to educate the Christian for his dual (Continued on page 7)



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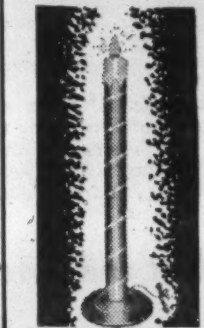
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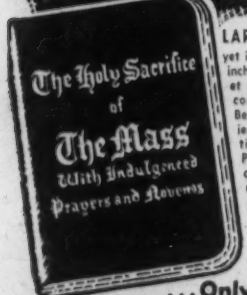
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THIS is the first of three installments in which Kenneth Gogel of the Department of Art of Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, looks into three practical pre-Christmas problems of parents with young children: 1) What can children do at Christmas time? 2) What tools and materials are suitable as gifts? and 3) What are the best toys for children? The last installment will include a list of suggested readings in the general field of art and the child.

What part can children play in planning Christmas activities? Exciting experiences ought to happen at home. Family conferences can be exciting experiences when plans for the holiday season are being made. What gifts are we going to make for brother, sister, grandma, and Uncle Al? Some gift ideas will of course need to be worked out in secret, but some can also be planned by the group.

Where shall we have our crib this year? Should it be in the living room or would the bedroom window be best so everyone who passes can see it?

When can we start our advent wreath? Who is going to bind the greens, paint the frame and tie the ribbons?

What kind of decorations shall we make for our door? What kind shall we make for our tree and table? Once these questions are settled, mother and the children can begin to save bottle caps, wire, string and other materials.

What kinds of candy and cookies should we make? What jobs are we going to do to prepare our Christmas feast?

These are some of the decisions that young children can help to make. If you ask children to help they will acquire the feeling of being a vital part of the family. The feeling of family unity, missing in many homes today, can provide a sense of security for the small child.

What kinds of things can children actually do at Christmas time? Decorations are important. Small children can make many kinds. Bottle caps, jar lids and rings can be made to sparkle

Exciting experiences at home

Your Children's Christmas Activities

KENNETH GOGEL

by wrapping pieces of metal foil around them and pressing the edges tightly together. Aluminum foil from pie plates can be cut, twisted, wrapped, pinched and folded into an infinite variety of decorations. Hairpin hooks or colored string loops fastened with rubber cement can serve as hangers.

Colored paper in magazines can be used for hanging decorations by pasting it on heavy painted paper or cardboard. Colored cellophane candy wrappers make colorful windows for light to shine through when it is pasted over holes punched or cut in cardboard shapes.

You can make imitation snow for your decorations by mixing one cup of powdered detergent with four or five tablespoons of plastic starch. Stir this mixture with a spoon and then beat it with an egg beater. If you double the amount of starch the mixture is thick enough so that it will cling to any wire hooks, sticks, straws or cardboard shapes that are dipped into it.

Children can make Christmas cards in brilliant colors by pressing hard with light colored crayons on manila paper, paper towels or any rough-surfaced absorbent paper. The crayon lines or shapes should be separated by uncolored sections. The whole sheet is painted with one coat of thinned black powder water paint. The paint

flows over the waxy crayon lines and soaks into the uncovered paper. Use a one-inch wide soft brush for applying the paint. Try not to scrub the paint or it will cover the crayon lines. Try a snow picture with a white crayon.

Gift wrapping paper for the whole family can be made in several ways. You will need sheets of white or brown wrapping paper, opaque water paint and six-inch pieces of corrugated cardboard. The holes in the edge of the cardboard can be dipped in paint or filled by brushing paint into them. The painted edge of the cardboard is then pulled, pushed or turned as it is moved along the paper. An intricate pattern can be made by refilling the edge with a second color and trailing the piece over the first color in another direction. The paint should be allowed to dry on non-absorbent paper before the second or third color is used if you desire a more distinct line pattern.

Children can also print designs on paper with rubber erasers, scrap blocks of wood, bark, bottle caps, sponges and many other kinds of materials. A small folded flannel cloth placed in each pan or dish of paint will make a satisfactory pad. Children will need help in moving the sheet to the work area and then to an out of the (Continued on page 14)

Cut Out and Save

Four One-Act Plays for the Family

EACH play deals with one of the great prophecies of Our Lord's Coming which kept the light of faith and hope alive in Israel. The prophecies are very dramatic. There is no better way to get them across than by acting them out with the children. Parents may have to tell the story briefly in advance, or at least give some of the background, perhaps about the Garden of Eden, the river Jordan, or why John was in prison.

Some props and costuming, no matter how simple, are important. Children will act surprisingly well, even ad libbing extra lines to make the story more homely and real. They love the action parts, of course, like the lame man who drags his foot on the way to Christ, then goes away after his cure running and jumping.

Once an attempt at this kind of acting is made, both parents and children may become so fond of it that they will want to act out other Gospel stories during the year.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The fall of man and the first promise of redemption. (Characters: God, Adam, Eve, Angel, Serpent.)

GOD: Forbids eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

SERPENT: Tempts Eve to eat the apple: "You shall be like God."

EVE: Takes an apple and offers it to Adam, who eats it.

GOD: Asks Adam about the apple.

ADAM: Blames Eve.

GOD: Curses the serpent and promises that he will be crushed by a woman and her Son. This is the first prophecy of Mary and Jesus.

GOD to the serpent: "I will pit enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel."

GOD: Sends them out of Paradise and puts an angel with a sword at the gate.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Gospel of the Sunday from St. Matthew. Isaiah foretells the miraculous power of Christ, and Jesus shows John the Baptist how He has fulfilled the prophecy. (Characters: Isaiah, John, two disciples, blind man, deaf man, lame man, leper, Christ.)

ISAIAH: (700 years before Christ) "God Himself will come and will save you. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall be free."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: (with chains on) to two disciples: "Go ask Christ if he is the one who is to come."

TWO DISCIPLES go to where Christ is healing people, and watch as He cures a blind man, a deaf man, a lame man, a leper, and raises a dead man. Then they ask Him their question: "Are you he that is to come?"

CHRIST: "Tell John what you heard and saw: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the Gospel preached to them."

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Gospel of the Sunday from St. John. The coming of John the Baptist prepares the coming of Christ. (Characters: Moses, Isaiah, Malachias, John, man from the crowd, Pharisee.)

MOSES (1300 years before Christ): "The Lord thy God will raise up to thee, A PROPHET of thy nation and of thy brethren like unto me; him thou shalt hear."

ISAIAH (700 years before Christ): "The voice of one crying in the desert: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the wilderness the paths of our God."

MALACHIAS (400 years before Christ): "Behold I send my angel, and he shall prepare the way before me."

JOHN THE BAPTIST (roughly dressed): "Do penance for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit shall be cut down and cast into the fire."

MAN FROM THE CROWD: "I have held back on the wages of my servants. I repent of my sins." He goes down into the river.

JOHN: Baptizes him.

PHARISEE: "Who are you? Are you the Christ?"

JOHN: "I am not."

PHARISEE: "Are you the prophet? Are you Elias?"

JOHN: "No."

PHARISEE: "Who are you?"

JOHN: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah. There shall come one mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to loose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Offertory and Communion of the Sunday. Isaiah foretells and Gabriel announces the birth of Christ. (Characters: Isaiah, Gabriel, Mary, Elizabeth, people.)

ISAIAH (700 years before Christ): "Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel."

GABRIEL comes to Mary: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the Holy One which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

MARY: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done according to thy word." Mary arises from her kneeling position and travels to help Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH, coming to meet her: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

PEOPLE: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Workers in the Vineyard



Missionaries At Home

REV. LOUIS J. PUTZ, C.S.C.

ONE of the most fertile fields of apostolic labor is the work done by the members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It is the only apostolic work that rates a formal recommendation on the part of Canon Law which orders that a unit be established in every parish.

Teenagers need CCD work.

While there are some 600,000 students in Catholic High Schools, there are 1,600,000 Catholic boys and girls in public high schools. Therefore if we assign 50 students to a class it would take more than 30,000 teachers to take care of the religious instruction for the students in public high schools who normally get no religious instruction except on a voluntary basis. Besides, it is not merely religion that is needed, but Catholic philosophy on evolution, the existence of God and the place of man in the Universe. Clarification is needed on marriage, sex and courtship as well as on the place of prayer. These are some of many problems that public school education raises in the mind of Catholic students.

The best effect of the Confraternity work is not merely providing teaching for the public school student, but it trains the teachers themselves. How true is it that you only learn something when you have to teach it. It is an education that will carry over into all of life.

There are good hints and manuals available to anyone interested in teaching religion and they are obtainable at the Confraternity headquarters (NCWC, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 5, D.C.). Fides Publishers offers slide films on the sacraments with a guide book for teachers and picture albums for the students. Fr. Nell of Effingham, Ill., offers catechetical aids for instructions which have had wide distribution. Our Sunday Visitor publishes a number of booklets for use in Confraternity work.

It is not enough to have good teachers. The students have to be brought to the instructions. Youngsters are not anxious to devote extra hours to an already heavy class schedule. The parents carry most of the responsibility, but they, too, need prodding and urging. The Confraternity religion class tries to make religion attractive by adding a social program wherever possible. But help is needed to arrange such programs and apostolic volunteers are needed to visit parents to persuade them to send their children.

The Confraternity has a job for people who do not feel called to teach. It organizes them as "helpers" and "fishers." These are needed to help prepare lessons, get classrooms ready for instructors, transport teachers or students to the place of instruction. The "fishers" contact the parents and try to bring the students to the instruction, and check up on their attendance.

Religious education is also needed for adults.

Another aspect of Confraternity work that is gaining momentum are discussion clubs. In some dioceses these are organized on a very broad scale and are made a very formal part of parish life. In other places these discussion groups are more voluntary. A text provided with instructional chapters and questions is generally used (e.g. Fr. Trese's *Many Are One*, Fides, Chicago 10).

Adult religious instruction is necessary because people grow in secular knowledge and unless the religious truths grow with parallel intensity the faith is in danger of being lost, or at least weakened.

During the years of persecution in Mexico, when very few priests were allowed to exercise their ministry, the one factor that kept the faith alive among the population was the training of 60,000 catechists to help in the work of catechizing. The whole effort of keeping religion alive among the population rested on these lay apostles.

While in the U.S. we do not have this problem, and we should be grateful for that, our gratitude should take the form of doing voluntarily what the Mexicans were forced to do through pressure of anti-Catholic governments.

We are in the age of universal education and democratic institutions. It is vital that Catholics be able to bring the truths of Christianity to bear in their daily life. A grade school religious training is not enough to compete with a well educated population. To be satisfied with a Catechism formation in this day and age when most people know more about man and the universe than our forefathers ever hoped to know, would be fatal and totally inadequate to fulfill our responsibilities.

We are our brothers' keepers and Christ will be given to present society through the Christian. The Hierarchy must organize this effort, but the Christian must carry it out as a duty of charity to his fellowman. "Love one another" implies helping out our neighbor in a material and social way, but surely sharing our faith is the highest form of love. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine provides a framework in which the apostolate can be carried out.

ACCORDING to a custom which is not so very old, we tend to call the first Sunday of Advent the New Year's day of the Church. To tell the truth, this is not entirely correct. The liturgy, as such, does not mention the beginning of the year at all; neither in the Missal nor in the Breviary is there a single allusion to such a feast. If there were, we should probably find it at Christmas.

At the Papal Court Christmas has for a long time been considered to be the beginning of the new year. During the Middle Ages the clerks in the pontifical offices dated deeds and letters from that day onward with a new cipher, and even now it is at Christmas that Cardinals and Ambassadors present to the Holy Father their wishes for the New Year. Also the ancient books of the Roman liturgy, for some reason or another, opened with the proper of the Lord's Nativity.

In the last analysis the texts for the Advent liturgy, which seems to have taken its definite shape at the time of Saint Gregory the Great, were copied before the texts of Christ-

MAIN THEMES OF ADVENT

C. A. BOUMAN

mas. And that is why nowadays the Missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent.

However, although it is better to be cautious and not to stress overmuch the idea of the Church's New Year's day, there is no reason why we should not regard Advent as a new beginning. Every year the Church invites us again to celebrate the wonderful deeds our Saviour wrought for us; and the main theme of the liturgy of these weeks is that we prepare ourselves in joyful anticipation against the feast of His Nativity, when by taking our manhood He pledged Himself to be the Redeemer of His fellowmen.

Within a few weeks it will be Christmas again, when we will commemorate that at a given moment of history, in a small town in Palestine, the Son of God became man. During these weeks of preparation we listen to Isaiah, who most clearly of all the prophets foretold the coming of the last and greatest Savior of Israel, the fulfillment of all the redemptions wrought in former times, like that by Moses, by King Cyrus and the Maccabees.

St. John the Baptist, who was the last prophet of the Old Testament and at the same time the first Apostle of the New, is shown to us. He prophesies to his fellow-countrymen the coming of the Kingdom, and then, all of a sudden, he interrupts his preaching to point to a Man who is walking there together with some follow-

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"The Nativity" by Luini is from a collection in The Louvre in Paris.

IN the fervent hope that I am not a person talking simply to himself, I repeat every year at this time the conviction that books are among the very best of Christmas gifts. From among the titles published since January, I have chosen 25 which I consider the pick of the 1955 lot. These, with a brief comment on each, are listed below. I trust that the run-through may prove of some assistance in filling those yawning spaces on gift lists.

JOHN CARROLL OF BALTIMORE by Annabelle M. Melville (Scribners. \$4.50). The first American bishop is well portrayed by Mrs. Melville, who skillfully summarizes the event-packed years in which he lived, before, during, and after the American Revolution. A must for anyone who would be conversant with the story of Catholicism on this continent.

THE LIFE OF JOHN J. KEANE by Patrick Henry Ahern (Bruce. \$6.50). A scholarly study of the first rector of Catholic University, a churchman in the thick of developments and controversies in American life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

WATERFRONT PRIEST by Allen Raymond (Holt. \$3.50). The fight made by Father John Corridan, S.J., to clean up the fantastically corrupt New York waterfront is bluntly, yet sympathetically, detailed by a veteran newspaperman. This is an eye-opener.

THE THIRD DOOR by Ellen Tarry (McKay. \$3.50). An American Negro woman, rehearsing her life, gives a



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poignant account of the discrimination she has endured. This is neither a whining nor a snarling book, but a calm, factual, deeply moving detailing of an injustice which, happily, is being mitigated.

RED SHOES FOR NANCY by Marguerite Hamilton (Lippincott. \$2.50). The author's daughter was born disabled by a disease both uncommon and incurable. How what seemed black tragedy actually proved an incalculable blessing, is most touchingly told.

ALL MY DARLINGS by Thomas Byrnes (Crowell. \$3). A highly amusing recounting of the joys of a large and lively family. This is humorous in the main, indeed often hilarious, but a spiritual note sounds through the laughter.

MY LIFE FOR MY SHEEP by Alfred Duggan (Coward-McCann. \$5). A limpid narrative of the career of St. Thomas of Canterbury, who rose from London's merchant class to be chancellor of England, then, appointed Archbishop of Canterbury chiefly for political reasons, became a great churchman and was martyred for his defense of the Church's independence of the state. Beautifully done.

THE WISE MAN FROM THE WEST by Vincent Cronin (Dutton. \$4.50). Father Matteo Ricci was the first person to bring the Gospel into the heart of China. A figure both monumental and fascinating, he is superbly depicted in a book which, despite a few stiff pages at the start, should appeal to almost anyone.

MATT TALBOT AND HIS TIMES by Mary Purcell (Newman. \$3.50). Miss Purcell has done what had seemed impossible. She has hunted down enough particulars to make the man who turned from alcoholism to the successful pursuit of sanctity, appear more than shadowy. This is the best work on Talbot that I have read.

TWO PORTRAITS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX by Etienne Robo (Regnery. \$3). The author, a French priest almost exactly contemporary with his subject, contends that the strength and splendor of this saint have been obscured by sentimental myths. The myths he attempts to clear away, that the reality may shine forth.

THE SCHOLAR AND THE CROSS by Hilda Graef (Newman. \$3.50). Edith Stein, Jewish by birth, philosopher by choice, converted to Catholicism, professed as a Carmelite nun, was killed in a Nazi concentration camp. It is increasingly clear that she is one of the towering figures in the Church in our time. Miss Graef shows why.

MY BELOVED by Mother Catherine Thomas (McGraw-Hill. \$3.50). Life in an American Carmelite convent is interestingly described by the author, whose photographs of the cloistered routine you may have seen in *Life*.

HILAIRE BELLOC by J. B. Morton (Sheed and Ward. \$3). The protean, but wonderfully single-hearted, Belloc is sketched by a friend who appreciated his genius and can put it in words. A stimulating close-up of a giant.

THE REFORMATION IN ENGLAND, Volume III, by Philip Hughes (Macmillan, \$7.50). A masterly study of the solid establishment of Protestantism in the reign of Elizabeth I, this superlative work can be read and relished without reference to the earlier volumes, which dealt with religion under Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary Tudor. If you want to make a handsome gift to a person interested in this capital subject, you can not do better than this.

THE DAY LINCOLN WAS SHOT by Jim Bishop (Harper. \$3.75). Popular in style, Mr. Bishop's engrossing and original book traces the events of Good Friday, 1865, from Lincoln's arising to his death.

STRANGER IN SPAIN by H. V. Morton (Dodd, Mead. \$5). The year's best travel book by far, this in an un-hackneyed, coruscating, notably illustrated inventory of a Spain unknown to the tripper. An ideal bedside book.

THE CATHOLIC SHRINES OF EUROPE (McGraw-Hill. \$6). Alfred Wagg supplies fine pictures, Monsignor John K. Cartwright an informative and literate text, for an impressive tour of some of Christendom's holiest places.

IN AND OUT OF THE ANDES by Sister Maria del Rey (Scribners. \$3.95). An entertaining journey through mission territories in Latin America, by an observer with an acute eye for the colorful and the seriously significant.

A RETREAT FOR LAY PEOPLE by Ronald Knox (Sheed and Ward. \$3). When I took this off the shelf to refresh my appreciation of its excellence, I found myself reading two chapters straight through. A look at spiritual problems and opportunities by an informed, kind, and witty expert. Everyone should have it.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS by Caryll Houselander (Sheed and Ward. \$2.75). Miss Houselander was that unusual being, a writer who brought new insight to spiritual matters, and this, among her last books, is also among her best.

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND by Thomas Merton (Harcourt, Brace. \$3.95). Never easy going, this repays the work the reader must put in on it. You compliment a friend when you hand it to him.

THE ROSARY OF OUR LADY by Romano Guardini (Kenedy. \$2.50). A little book, but meaty, as one would expect from this author.

THE OUTSPOKEN ONES by Hubert Van Zeller (Sheed and Ward. \$3). Delightful introductions to the minor prophets.

A GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE by Dr. Clement S. Mihanovich, Brother Gerard Schnepf and John L. Thomas, S.J. (Bruce. \$4.50).

MARRIAGE: A MEDICAL AND SACRAMENTAL STUDY by John Ryan, M.D., and Alan Keenan, O.F.M. (Sheed and Ward. \$4.50). It is hard to choose between these admirably practical, and practically encyclopedic, discussions of marriage, but the first, written by Americans, may be somewhat the better for the American reader.



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...ship in time and eternity. It exists to teach not only the content of the accepted curriculum, but that which the Church-supported school under present conditions may not teach, namely, positive religion. Other nations, with varying success, have attempted general educational systems in which provision is made for religious instruction in separate Church-related schools. Practical considerations in view of religious differences, almost from the outset precluded the American tax-supported schools from following this pattern. There are those now, even among public school educators, who regret the development, involving, it has, the risk of religious indifferentism and secularism. The solution of the problem is indeed difficult. The alternative, so far as the religious bodies who believe education essential to their mission are concerned, is the school under religious auspices.

The Catholic Church in America, to cite only a major example, recognized this alternative as far back as 1852, when the First Plenary Council of her Bishops earnestly recommended the parochial school as the necessary safeguard of the faith of her children. Thirty-two years later, the Third Plenary Council, the recommendation was strengthened and enacted as law: the school was to be a part of every well-organized parish. Today, with a total enrollment, from kindergarten to graduate school, of more than four million American youth, the vision of the Fathers taken on monumental impressiveness. Fully in keeping with the American tradition, it is perhaps the greatest achievement in general education under religious auspices without government support the world has ever known.

The fact, we submit, bears repetition: The private and Church-related schools are part of the American system. Manifestly, they exist; they exist by right; and they are unquestionably carrying a large share of the educational

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...en. Their teachers, religious and lay, have dedicated themselves to a high purpose, have labored hard to acquit themselves worthily, and the entire nation is their debtor. These schools have every claim in fact and in justice to be recognized as powerful contributing factors in the building of a better and freer country.

They have their critics, and among them none more vocal than those who assert that these schools introduce an element of divisiveness into American society. It were to attempt to argue the point with those who deliberately employ it to foment disagreement, but for the sake of those who are honestly confused, it is worth examining the charge. Upon what does it rest? Is it justified in the observation that private schooling and religious education are actually tending toward a sundering of the bonds of unity and common loyalty?

It is true that in the case of the religious schools there is difference, inasmuch as they exist to teach positive religion as the integrating element of the curriculum. But religion itself is not a discordant factor in American life. Surely, Christianity, with its primary inculcation of love of God and love of neighbor is not divisive. Only those who teach hatred teach division; those who teach love teach unity. How can it be, then, that religion in the school could be accused of sowing the seeds of national discord? After all, it is not obvious that positive Christian training, with its emphasis on the sanctions of the divine law, of the moral law, and of the civil law, on the social nature of virtues of justice and charity, on the moral obligations of patriotism and public service, provides the strongest element that can possibly bind a nation together? Criticism of these schools at times seems to forget that we are a pluralistic society that postulates not uniformity but rather variety in variety.

Church-related schools reflect nothing so clearly as that American spirit which demands unity in the essentials of citizenship while defending to the death those things in which the citizen is guaranteed his freedom. What, then, is the place of the private and church-related schools in America? Their place is one dictated by nothing more than justice and equity, and accorded the recognition of their worth. They have, we repeat, full right to be considered and dealt with as components of the American educational system. They protest against the kind of thinking that would reduce them to a kind of secondary level, and against unfair and discriminatory treatment which would, in effect, write them off as less fully dedicated to the public welfare than the state-supported schools. The students of these schools have the right to benefit from those measures, grants, or aids, which are justly designed for the health, safety and welfare of American youth, irrespective of the school attended.

This statement is submitted in quiet confidence that the national sense of justice will stand firm, and that a cordial recognition of private and Church-related schools, both what they are and for what they have done for America, will see to it that they are preserved and upheld so long as this is a nation of free men.

Fast and Abstinence Guide

FOR THE 1956 CHURCH YEAR

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27, 1955) to the first Sunday of Advent 1956 (Dec. 3)

REGULATIONS ON Fast and Abstinence

To foster the spirit of penance and reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial and mortification, and to guide her children in the footsteps of Our Divine Savior, Holy Mother Church imposes by law the observance of fast and abstinence.

In accordance with the provisions of Canon Law, as modified through the use of special faculties granted by the Holy See, we herewith publish the following regulations:

FAST

Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast.

On days of fast only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal.

Meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of fast except on Fridays, Ash Wednesday and the Vigils of the Assumption and Christmas.

The days of fast are the weekdays of Lent, Ember Days, the Vigils of Pentecost, the Assumption, All Saints and Christmas.

Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

ABSTINENCE

Every Catholic person over 7 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence.

*PARTIAL ABSTINENCE

On days of partial abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may be taken only ONCE a day at the principal meal. Partial abstinence is to be observed on Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays and on the Vigils of Pentecost and All Saints.

COMPLETE ABSTINENCE

On days of complete abstinence meat and soup or gravy made from meat may NOT be used at all. Complete abstinence is to be observed on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Vigils of the Assumption and Christmas, and on Holy Saturday morning.

We earnestly exhort the faithful, during the periods of fast and abstinence, to attend daily Mass; to receive Holy Communion often; to take part more frequently in exercises of piety; to give generously to works of religion and charity; to perform acts of kindness toward the sick, the aged and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial especially regarding alcoholic drink and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

—The Bishops of the United States.

In doubt, consult your parish priest or confessor

The above Fast and Abstinence Guide is available on cardboard suitable for hanging in your home. Keep it for ready reference. On its reverse side are the regulations for the Eucharistic Fast before both morning and evening Mass. A single copy is 15c; five or more copies, 10c each, postpaid. Pastors may order in quantities at \$4.50 per 100 copies, or at only \$4.25 per 100 if 500 or more are ordered, plus postage.

OKCHON, Korea — Converts are led into the Church in many different ways. Most are brought to the Church by Catholic friends. But a young Maryknoll Missioner encountered a new twist here recently when a Buddhist was led into the Church through leading a blind Catholic friend to daily Mass. "Raphael is blind and elderly and lives at our old-age home," explains Father Joseph R.

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I'M THECLA'S GODFATHER. I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING.

IT IS THE DUTY OF A GODPARENT TO SEE THAT THE CHILD IS BROUGHT UP A GOOD CATHOLIC, IF THIS IS NOT DONE BY THE PARENTS. BUT THECLA IS NOT A CHILD.

I STILL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TOWARD HER.

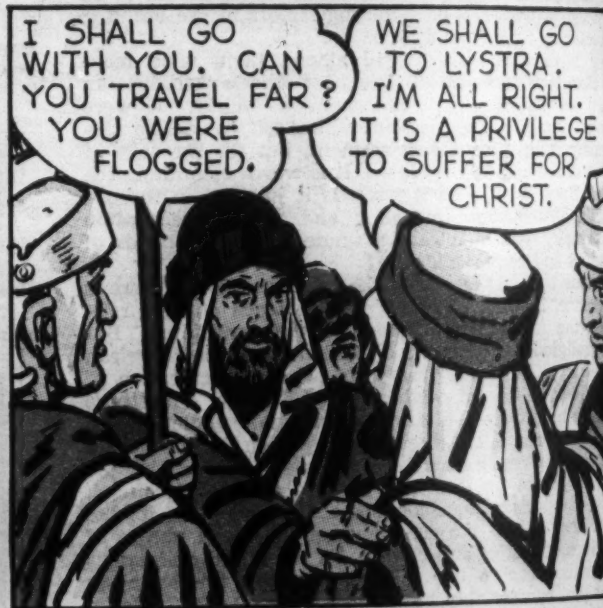


THOMAS IS RIGHT. BUT ONE IS NEVER OBLIGED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE.

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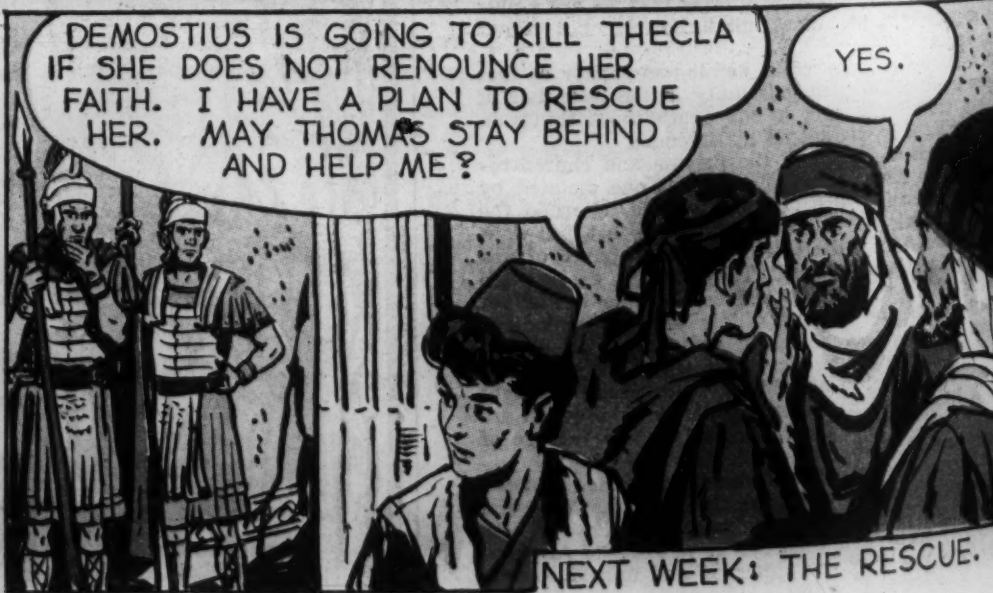
I SHALL GO WITH YOU. CAN YOU TRAVEL FAR? YOU WERE FLOGGED.

WE SHALL GO TO LYSTRA. I'M ALL RIGHT. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST.



CENTURION, MAY WE SPEAK TO THE PRISONER PRIVATELY FOR A MOMENT?

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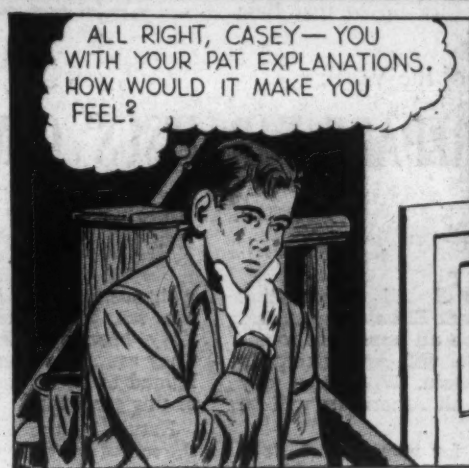
DEMOSTIUS IS GOING TO KILL THECLA IF SHE DOES NOT RENOUNCE HER FAITH. I HAVE A PLAN TO RESCUE HER. MAY THOMAS STAY BEHIND AND HELP ME?

YES.

NEXT WEEK: THE RESCUE.

Tom Casey by Bill Hackney

Artist Rick Hackney



ROGER



The Children's Week

Father Albert Nevins, M.M., Editor

Story of the Week

Forgotten People

FOR three days and nights, Father John Martin had been riding through Mexico's Sierra Madre Mountains. He had slept and eaten along the trail. Then at last he saw the village of San Miguel in the valley beneath him.

As his mule made its way up the dusty street of the mountain village, the people — men and women, young and old — crowded the street to welcome him. Many threw flowers in his path.

"How did they ever know I was coming?" Father Martin thought to himself. "It's wonderful the way these mountain people can find out."

The priest rode up to the church. He had not yet said Mass, so went immediately to the sacristy. He was surprised to see the candles on the altar lighted, and all things ready. The people crowded into the little adobe church until it seemed that there was not room for another. Then the padre began Mass.

At the elevation some men outside shot off guns and exploded firecrackers. It was their way of welcoming Christ to the altar. Inside the church, however, there was only the tinkle of bells and the whispers of the people's prayers.

After Mass, Father Martin went outside. All the villagers were gathered before the church, the mayor and his council in front.

"It is the happiest day of our lives, padre," said the mayor. "You are the first priest to come here in thirty-five years."

"But everything was ready for me," said the puzzled missionary.

This Week in the Bible

Joseph is Sold into Slavery

AFTER Jacob succeeded to the estate of his father, Esau moved away with his family. Jacob prospered and his family grew in number. He divided his flocks into twelve parts and sent his twelve sons into various parts of Canaan to tend them.

One day Jacob wished to know how his sons were getting along, so he called his favorite son, Joseph, and asked him to go and visit his brothers.

Jacob did not know it, but his other sons were very jealous of Joseph. They envied the love shown him by Jacob, and they resented the fact that Jacob had given Joseph a beautiful cloak of many colors.

When the brothers saw Joseph approaching, they said to one another, "Let us kill him. We can throw his body into a pit where it will never be found. We can tell our father that he was killed by wild animals."

"We were always ready," replied the mayor. "Every night for thirty-five years the people gathered in this church to pray for a priest. We knew God would answer."

Later, as Father Martin ate breakfast, a delegation of villagers came to him.

"We have decided, padre," said the leader, "that as long as Christ is present in our tabernacle that He will never be alone. We will take turns keeping watch before Him, day and night."

"If the people in the United States knew how fortunate they are to have so many priests!" Father Martin thought. "How badly other areas need them!"

A Suggestion

NOW that Advent is here, Christmas is only a short time away. Soon we will be thinking about presents for our parents and those whom we love.

Besides giving a material present to your parents this year, why not give a spiritual one as well? During Advent keep count of your Masses, Communions, Rosaries, and prayers. Offer them to God as a Christmas present for your parents. On Christmas Day write the totals on a card and give it to your mother and father. They will appreciate it more than any other present possible.

Ruben, the oldest brother, protested, and persuaded his brother to spare Joseph's life, hoping that he could return the boy to Jacob.

When Joseph arrived at the camping place, his brothers seized him, took off his many colored cloak, and threw him into a pit alive. Just then some foreigners arrived, on their way to trade in Egypt.

"It will be wrong for a brother to kill a brother," said Juda, another of Jacob's sons. "Let us sell Joseph to these strangers. We will thus be rid of him, but his blood will not be on our hands."

The brothers agreed, and Joseph was sold to the caravan for twenty pieces of silver. When the traders reached Egypt, they sold the boy to an army officer. The brothers, meanwhile, stained Joseph's coat with blood, and sent it to Jacob with a message that their brother was dead.

Famous Catholics

Pierre Toussaint

ABOUT two years ago, a bronze plaque was placed on the wall of New York's oldest church in honor of a parishioner — Pierre Toussaint, a Negro slave.

Pierre was born in Haiti about 1870. He was brought to New York City by Madame Bernard, when she was forced to flee her Haiti home because of a revolution.

In New York Madame Bernard was soon penniless, and her slave, Pierre, became a hairdresser to support her. He was soon the most popular hairdresser in New York, and became a confidant of all the fashionable ladies. He also became rich.

Success, however, did not spoil Pierre. He took care of his mistress until she died. He began every day by attending Mass in St. Peter's Church. He gave his money to help the poor, and never turned down a request for aid. Religious groups in Canada and the United States knew him as a benefactor.

When he died he was over sixty years old. His funeral was attended by people of high station, and was the largest ever held in New York City up to that time.

Chat of the Week

PREPARE FOR JESUS' COMING

FATHER RAY GRIBBIN

WE all know that President Eisenhower is sick. And we all hope that someday he will be completely well again. When that day comes all Americans will be happy.

Just for now, though, let's pretend that our President is not sick at all. Let's pretend that tomorrow he suddenly makes a visit to your school. All of the boys and girls have

a chance to talk to him. They can see his friendly smile. They hear his kind words. They are all thrilled and delighted to be in the presence of this great man.

Naturally, the teachers of the school are happy too. But, in a way, they are also sad. They wish they had known ahead of time that the President was coming, because, if they had known, they could have prepared for him.

They could have told all of the boys and girls the story of his life. They could have told how hard he worked to learn to be a soldier, how well he fought, how he got to be a great general, and how he helped to save the United States and England from being beaten in the terrible war.

If the children had heard all of these things before the President came they would have been even more thrilled and even more delighted. Because they knew more about the President himself, they would have been more pleased with his visit.

Now, as I have said, the President is not going to visit any school for a while yet. But Someone much greater than the President will soon be visiting us in a very special way. That Someone is, of course, Our Lord. And He will be coming to us in a special way at Christmas time.

That is why the Church begins today, on the First Sunday of Advent, to prepare for the "advent" or the "coming" of Jesus. The Church wants to give us plenty of time — and lots of things to remind us — to think about the coming of Jesus.

And exactly what should we think about? Well, we should think about why Jesus came to earth. We should think about how bad-

Saint of the Week



St. Francis Xavier

THE most famous of all modern missionaries, and patron of missions, was born in the Castle of Xavier in Spain in 1506, and baptized Francis. He is known to the world as Francis Xavier.

As a young man, he left home to go to the University of Paris to study and have a good time. Because of his athletic ability, he was very popular. A fellow-student, Ignatius of Loyola, converted the young

Spaniard, and enlisted him as one of the first Jesuits.

After ordination, Francis was assigned to India as a missionary, but was soon hard at work converting all the Orient. He made converts in India, Malaya, the Spice Islands and Japan.

While waiting to be smuggled into China, he died December 3, 1552, on Sancian Island. We celebrate the day as his feast day.

Poem of the Week

GOOD MORNING

J. W. FOLEY

GOOD-morning, Brother Sunshine;
Good - morning, Sister Song.

I beg your humble pardon
If you've waited very long.
I thought I heard you rapping;
To shut you out were sin.
My heart is standing open;
Won't you walk right in?

Good-morning, Brother Gladness;
Good-morning, Sister Smile.

They told me you were coming,
So I waited on a while;
I'm lonesome here without you;
A weary while it's been.
My heart is standing open;
Won't you walk right in?

Good-morning, Brother Kindness;
Good-morning, Sister Cheer.

I heard you were out calling,
So I waited for you here.
Some way I keep forgetting
I have to toil and spin
When you are my companions;
Won't you walk right in?

ly the world needs Him. We should think about just Who He is. And we should think about how clean our souls ought to be when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

If we do all of these things our Christmas will be happy, because we will be all prepared when Jesus comes.

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Father Conroy

Talking

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One out of Five is Putting it High

If you find it necessary to attend a state uni-
versity or secular college after graduation from high
school the chances are five to one that you will not
hook up with the Catholic Newman Club.

This observation is based upon the estimate of
Newman Club chaplains at these schools that only one
out of five Catholic students attend Newman Club
functions. And that, they say, is putting it high.

I am minded to say something about the situation
at this time because I have spoken at Newman Club
meetings four or five times within the last two months
on as many different secular campuses. On one camp-
us, for instance there are 3,000 Catholic students.
Know how many active Newman Club members there
are on that campus? One hundred and twenty—much
less than one out of five. On another Campus there
are 2,100 Catholic students. Eighty-five are signed
members of the Newman Club. On still another there
are 640 Catholic students. Sixty of these belong to the
Newman Club. And so it goes.

As the Chaplains say, one out of five is putting it
high.

But the Chaplains go on from there. Those whom
I have met tell me that within the freshman year
practically half the Catholics who enroll begin to miss
Mass frequently, even though they were regular at
home. By the time this same group reaches sophomore
year, they will go to Confession and Holy Communion
only about twice during the entire school year. Junior
and senior years will continue about the same, with
putting themselves completely out of the Church.

But before we make any comment at all, let's
add some more facts, just to fill in the picture. The
Catholic Chaplain gets the names of all Catholic stu-
dents enrolled. He sends a letter to every Catholic
student on the campus, telling him about the New-
man Club, where it is, what time it meets together
with a list of activities for Catholics. On Sundays at
all the Masses he repeats this same information, week
after week. (On some campuses the Newman Club is
favored with a Chapel, at other schools Catholic stu-
dents go to the parish church nearest the Campus.)
Then the Chaplain sends more letters, for special
events, for instance. Furthermore, he gets word out
to Catholic students through his small Newman group,
in season and out of season, that the club is in ex-
istence, that it meets, etc.

The results are as stated—one out of five Catholic
students belong to their campus Newman Club.

The big question is "Why?" Why don't they come?
Why do four out of five Catholic students avoid the
Newman Club and the Catholic contacts provided?
What happens?

To get the answer to these and other questions, I
asked some regular Newman Club members what
answers they got when they tried to persuade their
fellow Catholic students to come to Newman meetings.
Here are some sample answers: a) Haven't time.
b) I went to a Catholic school all my life. That's
enough religion. Sunday Mass is enough. c) I've got
an opportunity to learn "the other side" now. The
priest at the Newman Club will put you back in the
same old rut. d) (From a Catholic girl) If a girl goes
to a Newman Club weiner bake on Saturday night
everyone there will know she can't get a date. Same
with other affairs. e) How can you have a good time
when they don't allow liquor? f) One of the advant-
ages in coming to a school like this is to get out and
meet people. Why tie yourself down to a Catholic
group as soon as you get here? Why be so narrow
minded? The idea of Catholics always sticking to-
gether makes me sick.

So there it is. I don't say that these are adequate
answers. But they are answers. And they represent
the thinking of four out of five Catholic students who
attend secular schools of higher learning.

Now I am perfectly aware that all Catholic stu-
dents could never be crowded into Catholic colleges.
Most Catholic colleges are completely filled and have
promised enrollments for a year or so ahead. As the
years go on this situation will be even more acute. I
am also aware that a certain secular school might
have just the course you want and the Catholic school
doesn't—although most colleges, secular or otherwise,
are now going for basic liberal arts courses at which
Catholic Colleges excel.

Yet, there are far too many Catholic students who
do not see the dire necessity of bracing themselves for
the non-religious environment which they will enter
once they set foot on a secular campus. As a result
they walk into it like babes in the woods. They soon
swing in "with the crowd." Being away from home
for the first time, they enjoy a sort of new found free-
dom and they take advantage of it, at first innocently.
Before they know it they're in sin and living constant-
ly in sin. Naturally, the letters home continue about
the same—"I went to Mass this morning. Father had
a good sermon, etc." The folks never know the differ-
ence. It's all a sad but familiar story.

You high school seniors are in the process of
selecting a college for next year. If it has to be a secu-
lar school—well four out of five takes in a lot of
people!

CAVE OF BETHLEHEM



Our Catholic school is in reality a modern Cave
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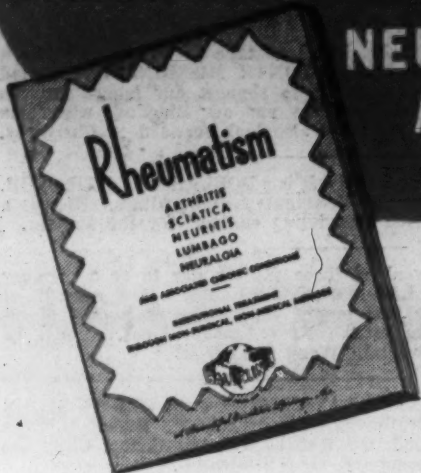
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Charlie Callahan's Sportscasting Old Football Rivals

TWO outstanding Catholic college football games were played this weekend. On Saturday, Nov. 26, Boston College entertained Holy Cross, in dear old Bah-stun, and today, Sunday, Nov. 27, the University of Dayton hosts Villanova, at Dayton. It will be the final game of the season for all four. Holy Cross had the best record with seven wins and but two defeats entering the game, indicating that Doctor Eddie Anderson has done another outstanding coaching job. Boston College took the field with a respectable mark of four wins, two losses, and one tie, as the youthful Mike Holovak continues to do a good mentoring assignment.

This Boston College-Holy Cross tussle is one of the oldest rivalries in the country. Seems to me, I saw my first one around 1928 or 1929, and it had been going for years even then. Take a look at today's (Sunday's) sport section. I suspect that you'll find a story telling how the BeeCees (Boston College) scored the most points.

Hughie Devore, Dayton, and Frank Reagan, Villanova, are the competing head coaches in the Dayton match, today, Sunday. If their respective charges possessed the talents of the coaches, both clubs would be entering the game unbeaten. . . Devore was one of Notre Dame's all-time ends, and Reagan's halfback exploits are still talked about on the University of Pennsylvania campus. Both teams have had a few troubles gaining the winning side of the ledger this year, but it still should be an outstanding contest.

One of the best coaching jobs this year has been that turned in by Harry (Mickey) Connolly, at Xavier, of Ohio. The Musketeers' season ended a week ago, and the final tallies show that Mick tutored his lads to the very fine record of seven wins and but two defeats. The two high spots of the season for "Silent Harry" (as the loquacious one was known in his quarterbacking days under Frank Leahy, at Boston College) occurred in the 37-0 victory over cross-town University of Cincinnati, and a 19-12 triumph over his alma mater, Boston College. Mickey was a high school coach for a few years at Aquinas, in Rochester, N.Y., and for the last three seasons, prior to accepting the Xavier assignment, was backfield coach at Indiana under Bernie Crimmins.

What's that you say? I never have much to say about cross-country during the autumnal season? How true. You see, I'm a bit more interested in football between September and December. As one who likes to stand up and be counted as a red hot track fan (especially where the Drake Relays and Greg Rice are concerned), I'll admit that cross-country has great conditioning benefits for distance runners. But from a spectator point of view, the sport has always left me very cold. Very cold indeed, because the two times I've ventured out to see the finish of a race, in mid-November, over the past four years, I've darned near froze. But just in passing, a word of congratulations to Coach Alex Wilson and the Notre Dame track team on coming through with an unbeaten campaign.

A few baseball trades going on. The minor, and then major league meetings are just around the corner. If the Chicago White Sox come up with a shortstop out of their farm system, or out of somewhere, I'm thinking they maybe bested the Cleveland Indians in that trade of Chico Carrasquel and Jim Busby for Larry Doby. And in that five-for-four deal between the Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators, it would seem that the Red Stockings are going to make an all out bid for the pennant this year, and not bide any time with the development of youngsters. With the help picked up from the Senators, and maybe one more good year from Theodore Williams, the Bostons could be there or thereabouts, as we used to say in Back Bay. It also figures as a good deal for Washington. Sure, they gave up their stars, Mickey Vernon and Bob Porterfield. But they did get five youngsters of talent. And where did they finish with Vernon and Porterfield. Last!

Basketball is just around the corner. In a few days you'll be hearing about Duquesne, DePaul, Seattle, Manhattan, Loyola, St. Louis, Fordham, Holy Cross, Villanova, LaSalle, San Francisco, St. Francis, and all the other great Catholic college quintets I didn't get into this listing. I'm hoping to see my first game of the season Thursday night, Dec. 1, when the University of Detroit entertains Notre Dame in the recently-built Detroit field house.

In our town, the other day, we had an election. A mayorality election, if my spelling is correct. It was a big day for me. Every election day is. I pull that green curtain behind me, and for a few seconds at least, I'm a voice in our government.

I don't know about you, but I always stay in there for a few seconds, after I've figured out the complicated machine-like process (anything machine-like is complicated to me), and voted just as I darned pleased. I stay a few extra seconds to give a short silent prayer for those who made my voting privilege possible. Does this all sound a bit corny, a bit too melodramatic? Too bad! Things were not particularly corny nor melodramatic for a lot of right guys who were in the right place at the right time between Pearl Harbor, in December of 1941, and the day an atom bomb was dropped in August of 1945.

Looking and Listening

Margaret Truman On Radio

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MARGARET Truman and Mike Wallace are hostess and host for NBC's Weekday, which is the Monitor idea converted to weekday radio.

No matter what you may think of her pappy, this Margaret Truman has a pleasant personality. Naturally, she has been helped in her professional career by the fact that her father lived for seven or eight years in one of the best sections of Washington, but if this helped her in getting breaks it is obvious she has talent that justified the opportunities.

As for Weekday, it is slanted towards the women—natural enough for a daytime show—and so I found some of the assorted beauty and cooking hints not particularly interesting to me. Only thing I really disliked on this radio show was what they call the relax period. "Blink your eyes," then open them very wide said the announcer. I did it. "Now slowly close them and leave them closed for awhile," he purred. Darn near killed me. I was listening on the car radio.

Fellow wrote me to say I shouldn't have complained about the Gillette commercials during the World Series, that I owed the company a debt of gratitude for bringing me the series. He misunderstood me. I wasn't complaining about the commercials being on the program but about the announcer bringing them into the action on the field.

No kidding, just to show my appreciation, every year around World Series time I go back to using a regular razor and Barbara raises a howl about my bringing home new razors. But I actually do shave with Gillette for awhile during the World Series time. Don't use my electric shaver for anything but shaving peaches and clothes brushes.

When I saw Lillian Roth in U. S. Steel Hour's "The Switch," there was something about her performance that bothered me. It wasn't until long after it was over that I understood what was bothering me.

I kept thinking that she wasn't doing a very good job of acting and yet I knew it was effective acting. The paradox of these two conflicting views bothered me until I suddenly understood what caused it.

You see, you never got the idea that Lillian Roth was acting at all. It wasn't like the performance of an actress. It was more like the camera catching an actual person in a real situation. She made her role so real that I believed it every moment, believed it so much it was hard to get used to the idea that it was just acting.

The play itself had flaws, serious ones, but Lillian Roth gave a memorable performance that evening.

Along about this time last year I complained about a Studio One production, "Almanac for Americans." It seemed to me there was a basic misunderstanding of our land in this play, and I said so. I didn't like a play that suggested there were no objective norms of truth, that anyone who is wary of communists is automatically suspect of totalitarian tendencies. As I remember it, nobody wrote to agree with me but a few people disagreed.

Well, there's a novel called "So Help Me God" by Felix Jackson, producer of Studio One, which seems to me to have the same basic faults. In this novel, which I read serially in McCall's, the Studio One head man completely misrepresents the truth about the FBI and congressional committees that have investigated communism.

Those who follow this column know that I do not criticize a production because of things that might be said about the author or the players. I wouldn't do it now. But I think I understand now better the trouble with that Studio One program a year ago and I'll be careful as I watch Studio One to be sure that Felix Jackson isn't peddling something I don't want.

We were up through the mid-west a few weeks back and again I was confronted with that phenomenal character, Ruth Lyons. Ruth Lyons is the sort of a lady who before radio and television came along must

have kept the party lines hung up most of the day.

What interests me most of all is that she has such a widely diversified audience. I find all kinds of people who like her. Watching her a few times I thought I could understand it. She likes people and she likes her work. That means a lot in the entertainment business. You get the idea that Ruth Lyons is happy just talking and that she really likes people.

I can't say that in the few times I saw her I really got to care much for her program but then I figure getting to like Ruth Lyons is sort of like getting to like olives—for awhile you don't care much for them but you get to like them. Or maybe like hives, you get used to them.

Brief Items . . . My favorite record on disc jockey shows is Frank Sinatra's "Love and Marriage" . . . I saw The Cheers the other day, singing "Black Denim Trousers" and I marveled at how loud music is getting without getting better . . . I watched Senor Wences, the Spanish ventriloquist, in a stage show and found him as astounding in person as he has been in his several Ed Sullivan Show appearances. . . . You've never heard of the Ed Sullivan Show? You know, it's that program that shows trailers of coming motion pictures. . . . Quite soon I intend to have a review of children's programs by Marianne Francis, a blue eyed blonde who is our four year old daughter. She talks to me about the programs and I'll just put down word for word what she says. Best comment she's given on advertising came the other day when she informed me that Disneyland tells children to drink milk. Then she grew reflective and said, "You know, Daddy, nobody on TV ever tells you to drink water."

MOVIE REVIEWS

MY SISTER EILEEN (Columbia) This is a kind of post-mortem of a musical that has opened and died at the boxoffice all over the country.

It demonstrates the difficulty in making musicals. You have to have catchy music, you've got to have clever lyrics, you've got to have a story that moves. Unfortunately, this film has none of these assets.

But most of all, it fails because audiences were probably expecting more than it had to offer. I know I went expecting it to be the film version of "Wonderful Town" and I was disappointed to find it was not. I kept contrasting the lifeless music in this film with the music I'd heard from the stage play and so a musical that wouldn't have entertained me much anyhow wound up antagonizing me. This is a B picture.

VIEW FROM POMPEY'S HEAD (Twentieth Century Fox)—This was a better novel than it is a motion picture and I think most of the trouble lies in the fact the south doesn't come alive. Snobbery is shown but it is snobbery very much like that of snobs everywhere. What might be called snobbery—and I don't think this is the word for it—in a city like, say, Charleston, South Carolina is really something quite different than you might find in the north. That's why the character of Mickey Higgins in the film (he is played by Cameron Mitchell) is never fully understood. It isn't ambition in the ordinary sense that makes him fight so hard to rise above his own position. Then the accents are poor, especially that of Dana Wynter, who I'm sure sounds exactly like people in the north think southerners sound but sounds very little like people in the south really sound. Marjorie Rambeau, as the proud Lucy Wales, is unable to give any concept of the pride of family of that character simply because she never convinces you she could be of an old Charlestonian family. Probably no one in the picture has a more authentic southern accent than Sidney Blackmer, who is excellent, as the author, but I'd wager that most people outside of the south would think he didn't have an accent at all. Quite aside from the artistic deficiencies, there is a kind of a ready acceptance of a romance between two married persons that I thought made it objectionable.

APACHE AMBUSH (Columbia)—This is definitely a second rate western with nothing to recommend it. Bill Williams is the star. Grownups who may remember Tex Ritter and Crash Corrigan as old-time western favorites will be surprised to know that in this film they are the villains.



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ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

SHE is twenty-seven. She looks much older. She has lines across her forehead. She has a stomach ulcer. "Susan showed signs of it when she was only a bride," her oldest friends will tell you.

"I get tired just talking to her," a not-too-charitable one will say wearily. Then, catching her uncharity, she will add honestly, "But she is good and well-intentioned. She just makes such a misery of everything."

We like that description—"she makes such a misery of everything."

Saturday afternoon, when walking home from confession, Susan is likely to say without any preamble: "My goodness, here it is Saturday afternoon already. Tomorrow's Sunday and it will be washday before we know it." She loses the worship and rest of Sunday in a basket of dirty clothes she carries around in her mind, not to mention the family fun-time of Saturday night.

Susan is present at the family fun-time. She is present at Mass. But her fun is limited and her worship most likely distracted by a mental turning of the wringer as she rinses the last of the Monday accumulation of clothes.

If you know a Susan, then we need not mention that by Sunday night she already is doing a mental ironing of those clothes that are really still in the hamper waiting to be washed.

Strange to say, by wash-day Susan is complaining of being too tired to do a good job on the clothes! In spite of all her worrying and planning she listlessly and imperfectly performs the needed washing. And she irons accordingly.

Susan's husband says some morning when he surveys himself in the mirror: "I do wish just once I had a white shirt that was decently done up."

Actually Susan's philosophy of life is all wrong. And there are many of similar nature in the spiritual life, men and women who think they are preparing for the Last Day by watching and worrying and agonizing over its coming, meanwhile living lives of fretful fruitlessness.

But the experience of those who have gone before us proves there is only one way to prepare for a "good" Last Day, and that is to live today as it should be lived, knowing, loving and serving God! The only way we can have "a good day coming" is to make a good day out of the day that already is here, however poor its potentialities may look to our unpracticed eye.

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Greatest Gift

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of the Society. Before you took up the work of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory, you gave the Extension Society a great deal of money annually from the work of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR.

Archbishop Noll has been a member of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the Catholic Church Extension Society during almost all of its fifty years. In the early days of O.S.V., which is now in its forty-fourth year, he seriously considered affiliating O.S.V. with the Extension Society. The Archbishop recalled this fact to the trustees of O.S.V. in a resolution proposing the contribution to the Extension Society. He was dissuaded at that time, he says, because of the great need of the then newly founded Missionary Catechists and other religious causes which OUR SUNDAY VISITOR served.

Last week's Golden Jubilee meeting of the Catholic Church Extension Society was the greatest in its history. In attendance were five Cardinals and some 120 Archbishops and Bishops. Archbishop O'Brien, as President, read a report dealing with the expenditure of some \$2,000,000 for Home Missions during the past year.

Summarizing in dollars and cents the good which the Extension Society has done in fifty years, Archbishop O'Brien reported that it had expended a total of \$41,158,075.75 for the Home Missions.

O. S. V.'s contribution of \$150,000 is the largest single gift to the Society in its history, but there have been many generous and constant donors who have helped beyond their dreams in the development and spread of the Church in mission areas of the United States. Most generous donor has been Papal Count Frank J. Lewis of Chicago, who this year made his fifth annual contribution of \$100,000.

Second only to the Catholic Church Extension Society, O.S.V. has done more than any other corporation or organization founded and directed by an individual for the needs of the Church both at home and abroad. Through O.S.V., Archbishop Noll has given generously to the Holy Father, to the great world-wide mission organization of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the National Catholic Welfare Conference, to the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory and other mission orders of men and women, to the American Board of Catholic Missions, the National Shrine to Mary Immaculate, for the erection and maintenance of Catholic high schools, to Newman Clubs and Chapels in secular colleges, and scores of other organizations and institutions serving the Church.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR is incorporated in exactly the same way as the Catholic Church Extension Society. It is a not-for-profit corporation from which no individual has profited or may profit. Over a period of almost forty years its earnings, derived principally from advertising, have been given to religious, educational or charitable causes, or invested and earnings on investments given to such recognized causes.

In helping the Home Missions through the Extension Society, Archbishop Noll says that he and other O.S.V. trustees are certain that the most urgent and deserving needs will be served. The Extension Society is governed by a Board on which the nation's five Cardinals and some fifty Archbishops and Bishops hold membership, along with other prominent clergymen and laymen. Mr. F. A. Fink, managing editor of O.S.V. was elected to the Board of Governors at last week's meeting.

MAIN THEMES OF ADVENT

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ers: Look! Here is the Lamb of God!

Above all we meditate during this time upon the wonderful calling of David's daughter; a Virgin conceives in her womb a Child who is the Son of God.

However, these are not the only themes of Advent. While preparing us for the feast of Christ's Nativity, the Church by means of her liturgy exhorts us at the same time to be ready for His second coming, when He will appear in glory to bring to its close the work He undertook at His taking of our flesh.

The fact that the two comings of Our Lord are thus brought together, is not just poetry or literary embellishment. Sometimes the liturgical texts in our missal deal with the Divine Birth at Bethlehem as well as with the Lord's coming on the last day. Both are seen in the same perspective, because—and this is the teaching of the Advent liturgy we must try to understand—the first coming of the Lord is closely connected with His return, when He shall judge the living and the dead.

We believe that at the first Christmas in history, the Son of God was given to us; but also that in our state as exiles in this world, we are still waiting for Him. The mystery we celebrate at Christmas is a reality, because we really possess what has been granted us in Our Lord. On the other hand, our Christmas feast is a promise and a token; for only in the light of the Lord's glory shall we comprehend those riches in their full extent. We are redeemed, but only then will it become entirely clear to us what it means to be redeemed.

In this way we understand also why even a third coming of Christ is mentioned in the explanations of Advent. This is the Advent of Our Lord in every single Christian, through God's grace. For when we pray that we may be worthy to celebrate Christmas in the way Christians ought to do, and when we meditate upon how the coming feast will be a preparation for our final meeting with Our Lord, we cannot but ask to be united with Him, more closely each day.



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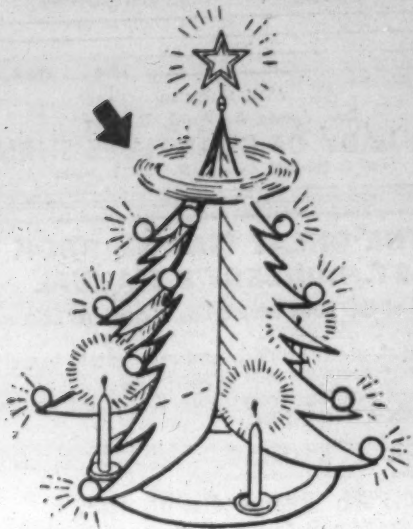
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TO ALL PASTORS: Please send reports on your Thanksgiving Clothing Drive promptly to the Rev. W. Edward Sweigart, Director of Catholic Charities, at 302 Central Building, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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OUR SYMPATHY and the assurance of our prayers to Monsignor Hildebrandt in behalf of his brother, William, who passed away recently in Chicago.

AS YOU READ the following list of deceased priests who died during the month of December, please make an intention to remember their souls frequently in your Holy Masses and prayers.

Rev. John Wemoff	Fort Wayne	Dec. 1, 1880
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Rev. Anthony Heitmänn	St. John	Dec. 9, 1911
Rev. Charles Ganzer	Kentland	Dec. 10, 1902
Rev. John Flach	Dyer	Dec. 10, 1926
Rev. John Crawley	LaPorte	Dec. 12, 1893
Rev. Charles Lemper	Plymouth	Dec. 13, 1900
Rev. Frederick Weichman	Gas City	Dec. 15, 1905
Rev. Joseph Toth	East Chicago	Dec. 15, 1934
Rev. John Oberholz	Yoder	Dec. 15, 1935
Rev. M. E. Campion	Logansport	Dec. 18, 1899
Rev. Anthony Ellering	Michigan City	Dec. 19, 1927
Rev. Bernard Borg	Fort Wayne	Dec. 22, 1904
Rev. S. J. Ryder	Fort Wayne	Dec. 24, 1941
Rev. Charles Stetter	Kentland	Dec. 25, 1929
Rev. Joseph Nussbaum	LaPorte	Dec. 26, 1895
Rev. August Oechtering	Mishawaka	Dec. 28, 1902
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Rev. L. A. Kubiak		Dec. 30, 1912
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Nov. 29-30—National Catholic Youth Convention, St. Louis

Dec. 3 —Pontifical Mass, Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati

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U.S. Hierarchy Reminds Nation Church Schools Exist By Right

Washington —(NC)—Private and Church-related schools in the United States have "full right to be considered and dealt with as components of the American educational system."

"The students of these schools have the right to benefit from those measures, grants, or aids, which are manifestly designed for the health, safety and welfare of American youth, irrespective of the school attended."

These facts were brought to the attention of the American people in a statement issued by the Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, assembled here for their annual general meeting.

(The statement, entitled "The Place of the Private and Church-related Schools in American Education," is printed in full on page 1, magazine section.)

Vatican Confirms Story

Apparition 'Comforted' Pope

Vision Followed Aggravation Of Pontiff's Condition

(From N.C.W.C. News Service)

The Vatican has confirmed a report that Pope Pius XII has revealed to intimates that in an apparition a year ago Jesus Christ appeared "to comfort him."

The confirmation came in a statement issued by the Vatican Press office. It said it had been "authorized" to confirm a story in the Italian illustrated weekly, Oggi (Today).

The magazine reported that Christ appeared at the Pope's bedside on the night of Dec. 2, 1954 at the peak of the Pontiff's illness last year. The apparition came, it said, while the Holy Father was reciting the prayer "Anima Christi."

OSV files reveal that earlier that day—Dec. 2, 1954—the first official bulletin concerning the Pope's illness was issued by Vatican authorities. It announced that "the condition of the Holy Father has been



Pope Pius XII

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Seeks To Revive Aims Of Legion Of Decency

Crusade To Guide U.S. Catholics Against Moral Laxity In Movies

Washington —(NC)— Plans for a crusade of instruction and guidance to be brought to the Catholic people of the nation relative to the moral trends and influences of motion picture entertainment were approved by the bishops of the United States at their annual meeting here.

As approved by the bishops, the crusade is intended to form a bulwark against what is recognized as a rising tide of moral laxity in motion pictures, resulting from an increase of objectionable material on the screen, which, it was said, stems from an increasing reluctance on the part of producers and exhibitors to accept their full responsibility for the moral and social character of entertainment shown in theaters.

DURING THE LAST 20 years, the bishops on several occasions have commended the Hollywood production code based upon the Ten Commandments and the traditional moral standards of a Judeo-Christian culture, and its administration as a potentially effective means of maintaining a morally wholesome screen.

Approval of the crusade by the bishops, it was stated, points up a necessity to reprove the increasing laxity that has been evident in the application of the code. This, it was said, has come to involve a tendency to distort and evade the principles and rules which the code professes to uphold.

It is the announced purpose of the crusade to seek a reactivation and a revitalization of the

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Bishop Pursley Sermon On WKJG-TV Sunday

Fort Wayne— Bishop Leo A. Pursley will deliver the sermon on WKJG-TV's "Church of the Air" television program starting at noon Sunday, Nov. 27.

Included on the program will be selections by the Cathedral Male choir under the direction of Professor John Yonkman.

OSV Gift Extension's 50th Year Said Greatest In Annual Report

Chicago — (NC) — The efforts of the Catholic Church Extension society during its golden jubilee years climaxed those of all previous years, Auxiliary Archbishop William D. O'Brien of Chicago, society president, declared here this week.

The archbishop spoke at a dinner meeting in the Conrad Hilton hotel which closed the society's two-day annual meeting. The sessions were attended by five cardinals, some 120 archbishops and bishops, hundreds of monsignori, priests and laymen.

HE REPORTED that during the golden jubilee year just ended the society expended \$2,226,509 for

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OSV Gives \$150,000 To Extension Society

Archbishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne, through Our Sunday Visitor, has made a golden jubilee contribution of \$150,000 to the Catholic Church Extension society, it was announced this week by Samuel Cardinal Stritch and Auxiliary Archbishop William D. O'Brien of Chicago, Extension officials. Full details on page 1, Magazine section.

CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL plans in Fort Wayne are discussed by Catholic representatives at a meeting last week. The Fort Wayne annual observance is scheduled for Dec. 1-4 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Left to right, standing, are Jack Oxley, general chairman of the Festival planning committee; Mrs. Joseph Ostrowski, Fort Wayne Deanery Council of Catholic Women president, and Frank Kartholl, Fort Wayne District Council of Catholic Men president, and, seated, Father Raymond Balser and Mrs. Lawrence Till, Festival chairman for Catholic participation. — (Agnes Lawyer photo)





SOUTH BEND'S FIRST elected Catholic mayor in more than 40 years is pictured with his family after taking delivery of the first 1956 Studebaker station wagon in South Bend. He is Edward F. Voorde, a member of St. Patrick church, and one of the city's outstanding Catholic layman. Voorde is shown

with members of his family. Left to right are Theresa, Paul, Christine, John, Edward F. Jr., Mayor Voorde, Mrs. Voorde, Frances Mary and Charlotte. For the past 15 years, Mayor-elect Voorde has been serving as Portage township assessor. He will take office Jan. 1.

Pope 'Comforted' In Vision

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suddenly aggravated by a peritoneal irritation."

At first, Oggi stated, the Pope thought the vision meant his death. But instead, it continued, "Jesus had not come to take him, but rather to comfort him and, we think, to assure him that his hour had not yet come."

The Pope is absolutely sure he saw Christ, Oggi declared. The apparition was not a dream, it reported, because the Holy Father was fully awake and lucid when it took place.

The day following the apparition, the magazine pointed out, the Pope began to make what seemed to many a "miraculous" recovery.

The Holy Father had been stricken while at his summer residence at Castelgandolfo. He was returned to the Vatican Nov. 27, of last year, and on that day first reports appeared about his precarious state of health.

The Pope told very few people about his vision and asked them not to talk about it, Oggi said. It added that it got the story through the "affectionate indiscretion" of a person to whom the secret had been confided.

The newly confirmed vision of the Pope recalls a similar occurrence of several years ago. In October, 1951, Frederico Cardinal Tedeschini, then serving as papal legate to an anniversary celebration at Fatima, said that the Pope had seen Fatima's "miracle of the sun" four times during the 1950 Holy Year. The "miracle of the sun" is the spinning of the sun witnessed at Fatima in October, 1917, at the time of Our Lady's final apparition there.

The Vatican never explained or elaborated on the cardinal's statement, but it was given prominence in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

At midweek, L'Osservatore had not mentioned the Oggi story nor had it printed the press office statement.

The 79-year-old Pontiff this weekend will move from his Castelgandolfo summer residence to the Vatican. G. R. Brunst, N.C.W. C. News Service correspondent in Rome, in a dispatch written just before the Oggi story broke, said that currently "the Holy Father appears as well as he was five years ago."

Brunst said that the Pope "has made a remarkable — some even call it astounding — recovery from his grave illness" of a year ago.

The N.C.W.C. correspondent further pointed out the tremendous schedule carried by the Holy Father since he moved to Castelgandolfo last July 30. Among numerous other activities, he has prepared and delivered 24 lengthy discourses in the summer and fall months.

When the Oggi article first appeared, a spokesman in the Vatican secretariat of state who was questioned replied, "What can we say?"

He indicated denial or confirmation could be issued only by the Pontiff's personal authority.

Vatican Press Director Luciano

Casimiri conferred with Monsignor Angelo Dell'acqua, substitute secretary of state, before issuing the announcement.

Casimiri said "This press office has been authorized to confirm what has been announced by the weekly illustrated Oggi in its issue of Nov. 24 about the vision of the Holy Father in the course of his illness of December, 1954."

Even before the account of the Pope's sickbed vision was published, various rumors said that supernatural intervention was responsible for bringing about the Holy Father's extraordinary recovery from his grave illness. The Oggi article, however, is the first detailed one and the only one to be confirmed by responsible Vatican quarters. The author's source of information is still unknown.

The following is Oggi's account of the vision:

"REGARDING THE illness from which the Holy Father recovered in December of last year, we are in a position to reveal to the world a hitherto unknown and miraculous fact that happened during those critical days.

"When his sufferings became ever more painful, the Pope often repeated to himself the prayer 'Soul of Christ, Sanctify Me.' During the night when the crisis reached its highest point, the patient, who for a time remained alone in his room, recited that prayer again.

"When he came to the invocation, 'In the hour of my death, call me,' he saw beside his bed the sweet figure of Jesus. At that moment the Holy Father thought that the Master had come to call him to Himself and, serenely answering the call, continued the prayer, 'and bid me come unto Thee.'

"But Jesus had not come to take him, but rather to comfort him and, we think, to assure him that his hour had not yet come.

"THE HOLY FATHER is absolutely sure that he saw Jesus. It was not a dream. He was fully awake and lucid at the time.

"The following day, when it seemed that there was no more hope and when newspapers all over the world had already come out with predictions of an imminent catastrophe, the patient began to improve in such an unexpected fashion that it seemed miraculous to many.

"This event was confided by the Holy Father to very few persons, whom he asked not to divulge it. As a matter of fact the secret has been kept until now and only an affectionate indiscretion by one of the people who knew about it has enabled us to learn and tell about this wonderful event, which will undoubtedly deeply move Catholics all over the world."

The Oggi report on the vision was part of a long article on the Holy Father's forthcoming return to the Vatican from his summer residence in Castelgandolfo. The article gave a detailed account of the Pope's daily activities at Castelgandolfo.

South Bend Society Fetes Mayor-Elect

South Bend — Three-hundred men of the St. Stanislaus Holy Name society here honored South Bend Mayor-Elect Edward F. Voorde at a Communion breakfast last week.

Speakers included John Brademas, executive assistant to Adlai E. Stevenson. Guests included local and state civic officials.

Messages were read from Grover Hartman, executive secretary of the Council of Churches of St. Joseph county, and from National Democratic Chairman Paul M. Butler, a South Bend resident.

Extension Jubilee

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home missions. He said that the society built 110 mission chapels in 43 dioceses during the years.

"It must be stated here and emphasized strongly that these figures and conclusions would never have been accomplished had it not been for the monthly publication of Extension Magazine, which has been published for the last 50 years," Archbishop O'Brien said.

In a letter to Samuel Cardinal Stritch, archbishop of Chicago and chancellor of the society, Pope Pius XII praised the society for playing "an important part in consolidating and strengthening the Catholic Church in the United States."

The Holy Father's letter was read from the pulpit by Msgr. Edward M. Burke, chancellor of the Chicago archdiocese, during a solemn pontifical Mass offered by Archbishop O'Brien in Holy Name cathedral which formally opened the golden jubilee meeting.

CARDINAL Stritch and Edward Cardinal Mooney, archbishop of Detroit; James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles; Thomas Cardinal Tien, S.V.D., exiled archbishop of Peking, China, and Valerian Cardinal Gracias, archbishop of Bombay, India, occupied thrones in the sanctuary during the Mass.

Also present in the sanctuary was Archbishop Amleto Giovanni, apostolic delegate to the United States.

In his sermon at the Mass, Cardinal Stritch said: "the society's records show that from the help given many years ago by the society many of the urban cities today owe their beginnings to the help from the society. The society has given us thousands of mission chapels scattered over our northwest, southwest, far west and south."

After attending the meeting here, Cardinal Gracias went to the University of Notre Dame where he was awarded an honorary degree. Before the sessions started here, Cardinal Gracias received an honorary degree from Loyola university in this city.

IN HIS report, Archbishop O'Brien said that during the last half-century the society had expended \$50 million in the cause of home missions — an average of \$1 million a year.

Crusade To Guide

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aims and purposes of the National League of Decency. The crusade is intended to reach into every parish in every archdiocese and diocese of the country with the aim of arousing the Catholic people to vigorous protest over the increase in objectionable films. A particular objective of the church would be to correct through instruction and guidance the moral apathy which has arisen with many people in their selection of film entertainment.

Bishop William A. Scully of Albany, chairman of the Bishops' committee on motion pictures, emphasized to the bishops' meeting his deep concern and the urgent need for a revitalizing of the National League of Decency program. Bishop Scully said that this year the Legion had listed the largest percentage of objectionable films in the Legion's history.

The Albany prelate cited two recent and pertinent statements of His Holiness Pope Pius XII on motion pictures, in which the Holy Father encouraged the production and exhibition of films which would act as a wholesome agent in spreading goodness and truth and which would reflect the rational nature of man and his responsibility to his Creator.

In its report on the moral quality of films produced during the last year in the United States, the Bishops' Committee said that 82, or approximately 29.82 per cent were classified as A-1 (morally unobjectionable for general pa-

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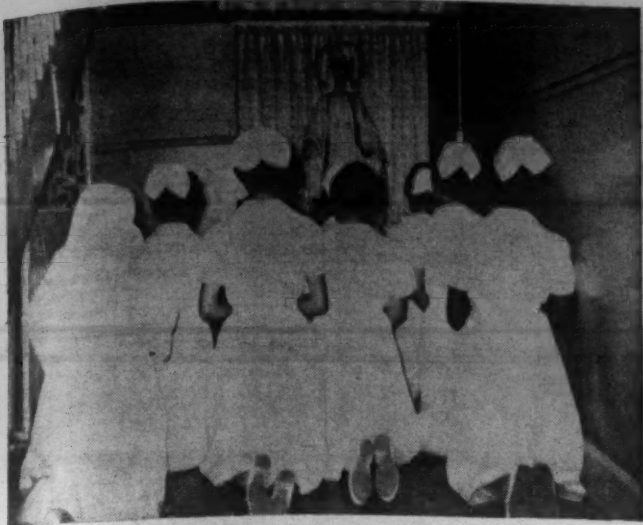
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OFFICE OF THE DEAD for the Poor Souls is being recited daily this month by the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin of the St. Margaret School of Nursing in Hammond. During October, the group daily recited the Rosary before the shrine of the Blessed Virgin erected in their quarters. Director of the school is Sister M. Florianne, O.S.F.

Bishop Pursley Sees Courage In Confirmation For Prison Inmates

Michigan City—Bishop Leo A. Pursley told inmates of the Indiana State prison here that in the sacrament of Confirmation they could find the strongest spiritual courage available. Quoting former UCLA Grid Coach "Red" Saunders, Bishop Pursley said that the "essence of offense is blocking, the essence of defense is tackling."

He then added that the "quintessence of both is spirit. Spirit is courage and courage can be found at its highest in Confirmation."

Bishop Pursley had confirmed 71 inmates of the state institution. He was assisted by Father Richard Gruenberg, prison chaplain.

Prison Warden A. B. Overlade addressed the group following the service.

Music for the rites was provided by a convict choir. Among selections was a hymn to St. Dismas composed by Father Gruenberg.

Two U.S. Priests Deported After 'Trial' In China

Hong Kong — (Radio, NC) — Two American Passionist priests arrived here in good condition from Red China after being held for 26 months in Changsha. They are Father Justin Garvey of Ridge-wood, N. J., and Father Marcellus White of Waltham, Mass.

A radio broadcast from Peking had announced that the two were to be "deported." At a trial October 29 Father Garvey had received a sentence of five years and Father White a sentence of four.

The priests had been subjected to the usual interrogations. The only accusations at the trial was that they had corresponded with Bishop Cuthbert M. O'Gara, C.P., of Yuanling, expelled prelate now in the United States, and that Father Garvey had engaged in Legion of Mary activities.

Neither made any confession and both appeared in excellent mental condition. There was no evidence of brainwashing, and the missionaries said they had not been mistreated except for the poor food served them along with the other prisoners.

Their expulsion leaves a total of 16 foreign missionary priests in Communist China, including nine from the United States. Eight of the nine Americans, two of whom are bishops, are in jail.

Cathedral Cana Meeting 'For Happier Families'

Fort Wayne—A Cana Conference "For Happier Families" will be held at the Cathedral gymnasium starting at 1 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 27 with a series of three conferences, question-and-answer session and renewal of marriage vows for participating couples included on the program.

Father Mattias Fischer, an 8-year member of the Chicago Cana board, will conduct conferences on "You and Your Partner," "You and Your Children" and "You and Your Family."

The session, arranged by the Cathedral Christian Family Movement organization, will close at 5 p. m. with Benediction.

Reservations should be phoned to Mrs. Wayne Bartholomy (Eastbrook 6179) or Mrs. Edmund Butler (Eastbrook 6-9904).

BEQUESTS

Huntington—Gifts to the Church amounting to \$2,563.77, including a \$1,000 bequest to St. Peter and Paul parish here were announced this week following final action on the will of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sinn.

Other beneficiaries included Archbishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne; the pastor of St. Peter and Paul parish; St. Felix Monastery, here; Commissariate of the Holy Land, Washington, D.C.; Society of the Precious Blood, Carthage, Ohio; Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Clyde, Mo., and the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Milwaukee, Wis.

Fort Wayne Legion Sponsors Cathedral Tour

Fort Wayne—The Fort Wayne curia of the Legion of Mary will sponsor a tour of the Cathedral at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 27.

Monsignor John A. Dapp, Cathedral rector, said that the tour will be open to all interested parties and extended a special welcome to non-Catholics. A priest will accompany the tour to explain meaning and use of religious objects.

Members of the Cathedral Legion praesidium form the committee in charge. Father Robert Zahn is Fort Wayne curia spiritual director.

New Rules For Missal, Breviary Published

New York—(NC) —A Booklet explaining the changes in the missal and breviary which will occur Jan. 1, 1956, has been published by Joseph F. Wagner, Inc., Publishers here.

Called "New Rubrics for Missal and Breviary," the booklet contains a complete translation of the Decretum Generale, the Latin text of the changes approved by Pope Pius XII.

The new publication is sized to fit neatly into the breviary and has a heavy-paper cover.

Patrol Boy Outfits By Whiting PTA

Whiting — Raincoats and caps for school patrol boys will be purchased by the Parent-Teacher association of St. John the Baptist parish here.

The group authorized funds for the purchase at a recent meeting

Kroger, A & P Fight Ohio Sunday Shopping

Cincinnati — (NC) — Three major supermarket chains here pledged to try to hold the line against Sunday shopping, despite the group of supermarkets doing Sunday business in nearby Dayton and Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Kroger, A&P and Albers chains expressed strong opposition to the practice, but all admitted that the effects of competition from stores open on Sunday might weaken their resolution.

These supermarket officials took part in a meeting called by local labor groups to prevent a rise of unnecessary Sunday shop-

ping. Major offenders in Cincinnati, it was pointed out, are some eight or 10 markets and a few clothing, furniture and appliance stores. In Dayton, however, 20 supermarkets went on a seven-day week basis last month.

Carl Reith, branch manager of the Kroger company, recalled that the Kroger chain stores had carried on an ad campaign against Sunday openings in Indianapolis. After remaining closed 12 Sundays, he said, "we were forced to reopen" by the Sunday sales at markets that refused to co-operate.

EARL RIVERS, district supervisor of A&P, said his company, which has a policy against Sunday opening, had not opened its stores on Sunday even in Dayton and Indianapolis. But he warned that "customers dictate the final policies," and that if they insist

on Sunday shopping, no store will be able to resist.

But the Gershow company, which operates seven markets in Dayton, reported that, after opening on one Sunday, it went back to its six-day week without suffering any noticeable loss of business.

Letters

Crucifix Rift Stirs Texan

I came across a photograph in a local daily of a monument erected in honor of war dead in a Hammond, Ind., public park by the Knights of Columbus there. If the accompanying article was correct, a group is protesting the erection of the crucifix because they regard it a violation of the American principle of separation of Church and state.

This controversy affords an excellent opportunity for a group of capable lay persons, both Catholic and Protestant, to take some real Christian action by inserting some sound reason and logic into this matter for public consumption.

It should be pointed out (to objectors) that they are not fighting for the principle of separation of Church and state; are not attacking a symbol of the Roman Catholic church; but are attacking, directly, their own main principle that Christ is the central theme of all their religious beliefs, for a cross, with or without a corpus, is an accidental difference of the main symbol of all Christianity.

Further, such a controversy creates unnecessary hatreds and suspicions and also desired rifts between Protestants and Catholics insofar as some non-Christians and atheists are concerned.

I have just returned from three years' service with the U. S. Air Force in Germany. There, in the "cradle of the reformation," I do not believe such a controversy would draw any serious attention from either Catholic or Protestant.

Archie L. Henson
San Angelo, Texas.

Bishop Sheen 'System' For Broadcast Described

I notice that in a recent issue of Our Sunday Visitor you mentioned that Bishop Sheen would be carried by WGL. We are carrying Bishop Sheen on Tuesday nights at 8:30 p. m. and not on Thursday, as stated in OSV.

Bishop Sheen uses neither script nor notes but works out the talk in detail in his mind. How he manages to present a talk that neither hesitates nor repeats itself is one of the many amazing things about Bishop Sheen. In 25 years of broadcasting, he prides himself on the fact that he has never finished more than two seconds early or late.

His only preparation prior to broadcast time is ten minutes of meditation in some quiet part of the ABC studio.

When asked how he manages to end his talk on such an interesting high-note each week, the Bishop gave this explanation: "Always know how you're going to end. It may be a paragraph or a sentence but know how long it's going to take you to say it. Then watch the studio clock; when there's just enough time for the conclusion, say it and you're off the air—on time!"

Robert N. Storey
Promotion Manager
Radio Station WGL
Fort Wayne.

(The Bishop Sheen program, "Life is Worth Living," originates with the American Broadcasting company for both radio and television outlets.—Ed.)

and heard as guest speaker Probation Officer Andy Hiduke. A film on juvenile delinquency was featured.

Open House and a needlecraft and candy sale were held prior to the meeting.

Fighting 69th To Join N.C.W.C. Youth Group

Huntington — 500,000 members of the Fighting 69th will formally affiliate with the National Catholic Welfare Conference Youth department at the National Catholic Youth convention which opens Monday, Nov. 28 in St. Louis.

Announcement of the affiliation was made by Father James P. Conroy, Fighting 69th director, at the organization's headquarters at Our Sunday Visitor here.

At a special session of the upcoming convention, the Fighting 69th will present Monsignor Joseph E. Schieder, N.C.W.C. Youth director, with the rank of Commander in the organization. Presentation will be made by Father Conroy.

Founded in 1949 by Father Conroy, the organization now counts units in each of the 48 United States and in many foreign locations.

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A \$136 CHECK for First Communion clothes for needy children overseas is written by Mrs. Frank Fusillo, Gary Deanery Council of Catholic Women Foreign Aid committee chairman, to climax the council's drive. At right is Mrs. Charles Walker, the deanery's First District Council chairman. Mrs. Fusillo reported 100 percent cooperation toward the drive by Gary deanery women. — (OSV photo by Al Smith)

Attention Parish Chairmen:

The success of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual drive for infants' and children's new clothing and shoes for the Papal Storerooms depends entirely on parish participation.

It is the responsibility of the parish representative to inform each parish organization of the details of the project well in advance of the deanery collection date.

Collection centers may be set up in schools or following each Sunday Mass in order to get participation from those parishioners who do not affiliate with parish groups.

Notices in church bulletins are most effective in this respect. State clearly that only NEW garments or shoes are acceptable and in sizes from infants' to 12 years.

In the ten years since this project was first inaugurated, women of the United States have carried their compassion to millions of helpless victims around the world through the Pope's Charity Storerooms.

Of particular interest to the Holy Father this season are the half million exiles of Vietnam—almost all Catholics who chose to go into exile solely to preserve their Catholic faith. These and many others will be the recipients of this year's charity.

S. Bend Deanery Women To Meet

The October meeting of the South Bend Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held Monday, Nov. 28 at St. Matthew church beginning with a Holy Hour at 1 p. m. to be conducted by the pastor, Father A. J. Wibbert.

A business meeting will follow in the new school auditorium. Mrs. Paul Gooley, president, will preside.

Plans for the annual "Put Christ back into Christmas" project will be discussed. Mrs. Thomas Arch will again serve as general chairman.

Guest speaker for the afternoon will be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Quigley. Subject will be "Liturgical Devotions for Advent."

After the meeting a social hour will follow. Mrs. E. J. White, parish representative of St. Matthew's parish will be in charge of arrangements.

Hammond Plans Prayer Day

Hammond — Tuesday, Nov. 29 is the date set aside by the Hammond district Council of Catholic Women for a day of prayer in honor of the Poor Souls in Purgatory at St. Casimir church, here. The services will begin with a High Mass at 9 a. m. closing with Benediction at 2:30 p. m. with Father Casimir Senderek, assistant pastor of the host parish as celebrant.

Mrs. Leo B. Smith, Spiritual Activities chairman, and Mrs. Leo Lewandowski, parish representative, are extending an invitation to all deanery members to attend. Coffee and rolls will be served following Mass. Each person will bring their own box lunch and coffee will be available at lunch time.

Reservations may be made with parish chairmen or Mrs. John Wellman, district president, until November 27.

REDS SEIZE PROTESTANT

Berlin—(NC)—The East German Reds have arrested a Protestant layman, Heinz Maetzke, known for his opposition to the Communist-sponsored youth initiation rites.

Rosemary Vargo Heads South Bend Sodality

South Bend — Miss Rosemary Vargo was elected president of the Morning Star sodality of St. Stephen church here. Other officers include Mary Jo Markovich, vice president; Miss Carolyn Jagodits, secretary; Miss Irene Egry, treasurer; Miss Mona Poznanski, social chairman; Miss Barbara De Grave, activities, and Miss Marlene Kaczmarek, publicity.

Reception of officers will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 11, to be followed by a sodality dinner marking the group's tenth anniversary. A Christmas party is planned for 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Gary K. Of C. Wives Plan Christmas Events

Gary—The wives of the Knights of Columbus in Gary at a recent meeting set Dec. 21 for a meeting when members will bring toys to be given to the Catholic Social



TWO OFFICERS of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority Saturday night at Marquette Park pavillion presented Father Michael Campagna of Hoosiertown with a \$500 check for Hoosiertown. The sorority raffled a stole and held a dance Saturday to raise the money. Two non-Catholic officers of the sorority are, left to right, Mrs. Gerald Millender and Miss Violet Rusich. — (OSV photo by Al Smith)

Women's Councils Plan State Meet

A Provincial meeting of Indiana Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women will be held in Indianapolis at the Warren hotel at 10 a. m. Wednesday, November 30.

Prominent on the agenda will be plans for each diocesan council's participation in the 3rd Provincial convention scheduled for April, 1956 in Evansville.

Miss Marie Klienckoff, diocesan president, Mrs. Elwood Robinson, of Gary, and Mrs. Patrick Coughlin, of Hammond, will attend as

Fort Wayne Group Gives Hospital \$1,400

Fort Wayne—The St. Joseph hospital auxiliary has presented a \$1,400 check to the Sr. M. Beatrice Nursery Fund in memory of Sister Beatrice, who served 38 years as supervisor of the hospital's maternity department. The money was proceeds from the auxiliary's style bridge in October.

The money will be used to purchase sterilizing equipment for the maternity department.

Mrs. Roy Grimmer, president of the auxiliary, said the auxiliary received an honorable mention for its service work from the Indiana Hospital Association. The auxiliary will hold its annual meeting in January with Mrs. Virginia O'Hearn as chairman.

Service Bureau for orphanages. Mrs. Nicholas Kesperich presided at the meeting. The wives will hold a party for K. C. children on Dec. 14. Committee members are Mrs. Joseph Pavelich, chairman; Mrs. Richard Gundy, Mrs. Howard Green, Mrs. Charles Glutting, Mrs. Victor Horkau and Mrs. Sue Itapela.



MRS. ROBERT LEINENBACH, (left) of Ferdinand, state regent of Daughters of Isabella, installed new officers of Our Lady of Victory circle, Fort Wayne, at ceremonies held last week. Pictured with Mrs. Leinenbach are Mrs. Ann Bley, new circle regent; Monsignor Charles F. Girardot, pastor of St. Jude church, and Mrs. Charles Ueber, past regent.—(Fort Wayne News-Sentinel photo)

French Missionary Killed In Mountain Mishap Had Baptized 800

Saigon, South Vietnam—(NC)—Father Octave Lefevre, native of France, 48, killed in a jeep accident 150 miles north of here, had reaped a great missionary harvest among the Moi mountaineers. He baptized 800 of them in 18 months and had 14 villages taking instructions for baptism when he met his death.

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FOUR FORT WAYNE students living in Noll hall on the St. Joseph college campus relax in the student lounge with copies of *Our Sunday Visitor* and the *Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette*. Left to right are Thomas J. Phillipp, 2112 Lawndale dr.; James McGuire, 4712 Lafayette; William Becker, 4221 Fairfield ave. (standing) and Edwin DeWald, 955 E. Creighton.



AUXILIARY BISHOP — Loras Lane of Dubuque officiated at the dedication of Pangborn hall, the newest of Notre Dame's student residence halls, last weekend. Participating in the dedication rites were (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. John C. Pangborn and Thomas W. Pangborn, Hagerstown, Md., and Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president. The new building is the gift of the two industrialists through the Pangborn Foundation. Bishop Lane is a 1932 Notre Dame graduate and president of Loras college in Dubuque.



BROWNIE TROOP 238 in Highland was officially started last week by its leader, Mrs. Esther Hill, and assistant leader, Mrs. Phyllis Breen. Brownies pictured are: Clare Breen, Susan Barr, Jack Sinther, Linda Hill, Kristine Kellenan, Judy Leinan, Joan Magiera, Barbara Mayhew, Kathy Marlove, Karen Nicksis, Margaret Mayernik, Mary Nogard, Marilyn Perwell, Reina Pollock, Janet Hanipher, Katherine McDermott, Beverly and Marcia Hawk. — (OSV photo by Al Smith)

Given Papal Medal

Kansas City, Mo. —(NC)—Charlton Fortune, artist and director of the Monterey Guild of Liturgical Artists, was present-

ed the papal medal Pro Aclecia et Pontifice by Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, in recognition of her work for the church during the past three decades.

Miss Fortune's latest work is be-

ing done for the interior of the remodeled Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception here. It includes the sanctuary and composition of the altar furniture, and the 16-by-24-foot mosaic of Our Lady behind the main altar.



A NEW PORTRAIT of Archbishop John F. Noll appears in the lounge of the new Noll hall at St. Joseph college, Collegeville. Painted by Samuel Burnett, the portrait is a gift to the college from John F. Kicak, a Youngstown, O., alumnus. St. Joe students (left to right, standing) are William Neal, 1114 Portage ave., South Bend, and Joseph Levendoski, 1009 Franklin st., Michigan City, and (seated) Tom Hoffman, Monroe, Mich.



95 ST. JOE JUNIORS occupy the new Noll hall, completed last spring along with Bennett hall, named for Bishop John G. Bennett of Lafayette. 16 men from the Fort Wayne diocese reside in Noll hall. Three from Whiting are (left to right) Thomas Biel, 1252 Davis ave.; John Herakovich, 1622 Central, and Nicholas Yengich, 2261 Indianapolis blvd.



NEW OFFICERS of the Fort Wayne Catholic Young Adults are left to right Charlotte Thieme, vice-president; George Hartman, treasurer; Lois Murphy, secretary, and Frank Enderle, president. The group is shown looking over plans for the season's activities.

Coming Events

Fort Wayne

The November meeting of the St. Hyacinth PTA will open with room visitation at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Guest speaker will be Dr. William Koester.

The Rosary society of Precious Blood church will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in the school auditorium following recitation of the Rosary in the parish church. Annual election of officers will be held.

The Catholic Orphan's Guild will sponsor a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at St. Patrick Lyceum. Hankies for St. Vincent Villa will be collected.

The monthly meeting of the Precious Blood PTA will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the school auditorium. Guest speaker will be an Allen County Children's home official. Classroom visitation is scheduled for 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. A handwork sale will follow the meeting.

The Central Catholic Mothers' club will hold a Christmas party at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the school auditorium. Miss Nicole Ki-Barland, language instructor at St. Francis college, will discuss Christmas observance in France.

South Bend

The second annual Pancake Party sponsored by the Holy Cross parish will be held from 6:30 a. m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Tickets are available from parish Christian Family Movement members.

The Rosary society of St. Matthew parish will sponsor a gift exchange party Tuesday, Nov. 29. Recitation of the Rosary in the parish church at 7:45 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Priests On Hand Minutes After Crash

Seattle, Wash. —(NC)— Two priests were on hand to aid the victims within minutes after the giant non-scheduled airliner crashed on take-off here killing 27 and injuring others of the 46 on board. Father Rayner Harrington, O.F.

Crown Point PTA Hears Of Electronics

Crown Point — Lifting a curtain on the future, Fred Weidemann of Illinois Bell showed some of the latest developments from Bell Laboratories and gave a hint of the marvels to come through "Sun, Sand and Transistors" at the St. Mary's PTA meeting.

WEIDEMANN demonstrated the "solar battery," calling it "Bell's new born baby." The battery converts as much as 11 per cent of the energy it receives from the sun directly into electricity, he said. The material for the battery cells is obtained from the most abundant of the earth's natural deposits, common sand, refined into silicon. It resembles a big coin slot card.

The transistor, nicknamed by Weidemann as Bell's "growing boy," is rapidly replacing the vacuum tube for its economical manufacture and upkeep and almost indefinite wearability. The main element of the transistor, a small one inch cylinder, is germanium, through which current flows and is magnified 100 times.

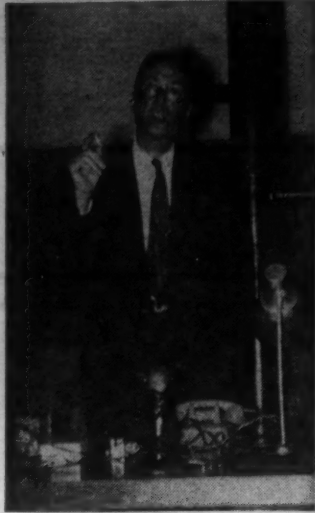
Weidemann has worked for the Bell System for 37 years, advancing from pay station collector to information manager out of the Chicago public relations office. He served as manager in Hammond for 21 years.

Mrs. John Kluesener, program chairman, introduced the speaker. Presiding at the business meeting was Mrs. Vito Manno, president.

Westinghouse Official

Fort Wayne — Donald H. McGannon, former Dumont Network general manager, has been elected president of the Westinghouse Broadcasting company, according to word received here. A 1940 graduate of Fordham college, McGannon currently resides in Norwalk, Conn., with his family. Westinghouse radio outlet in the Fort Wayne diocese is WOWO, Fort Wayne.

M. of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and Father James Buck of St. Edward's, hearing the radio flash, sped to the scene to give absolution and Extreme Unction.



Mr. Weidemann

Gary Women Sponsor Contest

Gary — Seventh and eighth grade pupils of Gary Catholic schools are taking part in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by the Gary Deanery Council of Catholic Women. This was reported by Mrs. Earl Brown, Home, School and PTA chairman of the group at a board meeting here last week.

Also it was announced that the council will take part in Gary's second annual Christ Child Festival to be held this year Dec. 18-20 at Memorial auditorium.

A School of Instruction for parish representatives will be held in the near future, according to Mr. H. H. Feierabend and Mrs. Frank H. Collins, co-chairmen of the school.

The deanery meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at St. Hedwig parish. Mrs. Walter Kustron, Immigration and Americanization chairman, will arrange the program.

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South Bend 4th Degree Initiation For 69 Knights

South Bend — The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus received 69 new members in ceremonies here which also honored Father Patrick J. Carroll, C.S.C., educator, author and former editor of Ave Maria.

Conducted for the largest Fourth Degree class ever assembled here, the exemplification was under the jurisdiction of the Northern Indiana Fourth Degree district.

Members of the class include Father Harold W. Riley, C.S.C., Father Michael J. Vichuras, Joseph M. Bauer, Stanley Bojaraki, Paul J. Bruck, Jr., Joseph S. Chimento, Albert J. Dougherty, Frank Roy Fogarty, William J. Furey, Paul T. Gervas, Paul B. Godollet, Jr., Roman L. Guentert, Aloysius F. Hosinski, Chester L. Jankowski, Edwin A. Kalczynski, Roy J. Kleck, Stanley J. Kush, John Albert Lauer, Michael G. Lehner, Charles C. Ludgate, Joseph Martonosi.

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Also Charles Edward Bell, John G. Best, Ervin J. Cudowski, Bernard L. Doyle, Eugene T. Kretschmer, Frank F. Palmero and Alphonse J. Spahn, Elkhart.

Also James G. Stapleton and Paul A. Uebelhor, Notre Dame; Dr. Mark F. Backs, Joseph M. Bortone, Sr., George L. Choquette, James R. Hums, Clarence F. Hoese, Alois E. Paszek, Arthur L. Sieg and Howard W. Van Seyoc, Mishawaka.

Also Gerald E. Rigsby, Dunkirk; Thomas E. Fitzgerald and John Myron Moser, Valparaiso; M. B. Bergerson, Paul J. Coughlin and Clemens J. Woss, Michigan City.

Also John Oster, Logansport; J. Richard Milroy, Peru; Joseph E. Maroney, Fort Wayne; Emery F. Vargo, Niles, Mich., and Alan J. Rick, Winona, Minn.

lon clothing for needy children overseas as reported by Mrs. Frank Fusillo, Catholic Foreign Aid chairman.

Father Matthew Kish, deanery moderator, addressed board members on the need of Catholic women's leadership and efforts. Their reward is God's blessing and not a pat on the back, he said.

Michael Kast Named Deputy Prosecutor

Fort Wayne — Michael Kast, 2031 Bayer ave., has been appointed a deputy Allen county prosecutor by Prosecutor Glenn Beams. A native of Fort Wayne, Kast was graduated from Central Catholic high school, Indiana university and served three years in the Army in the Judge Advocate corps. He has been practicing law in Fort Wayne since June 1 and is a member of the Indiana State Bar association, Allen County Bar association, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Beams said Kast's duties would include preparation of trial cases.

7th Term As Mayor

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — Mayor Josaphat T. Benoit, Catholic layman and editor of the French language weekly newspaper, L'Action, has been elected for a record-breaking seventh consecutive term as Manchester's chief executive.

Heads Alumnae Group

Fort Wayne—Officers of St. Augustine Alumnae association were re-elected at a recent meeting. They are Mrs. Jules Doriot, president; Mrs. Harold Hester, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Poole, secretary, and Mrs. Miles Dettler, treasurer. Mrs. Eugene Sarrazin was elected to the post of historian.

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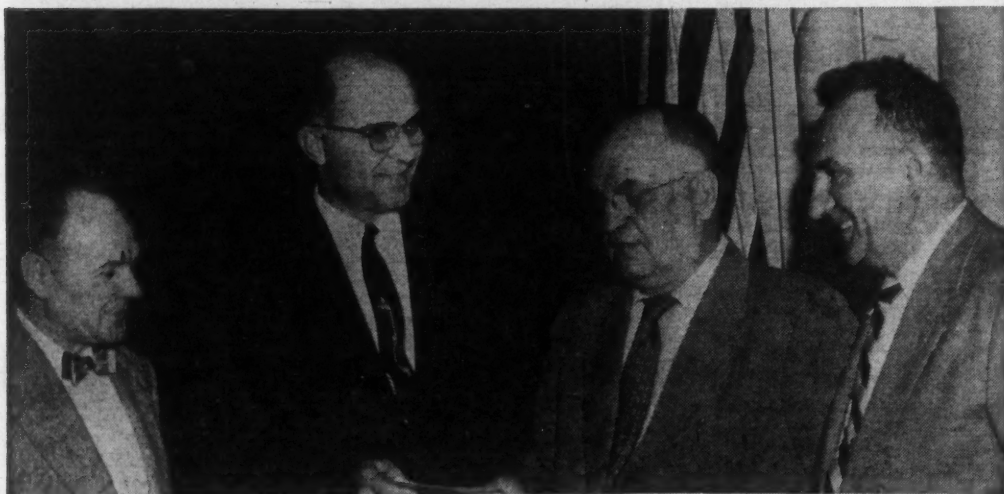
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The Rosary society of Precious Blood church will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in the school auditorium following recitation of the Rosary in the parish church. Annual election of officers will be held.

The Catholic Orphan's Guild will sponsor a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at St. Patrick Lyceum. Hankies for St. Vincent Villa will be collected.

The monthly meeting of the Precious Blood PTA will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the school auditorium. Guest speaker will be an Allen County Children's home official. Classroom visitation is scheduled for 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. A handiwork sale will follow the meeting.

The Central Catholic Mothers' club will hold a Christmas party at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the school auditorium. Miss Nicole Ki-Barland, language instructor at St. Francis college, will discuss Christmas observance in France.

South Bend

The second annual Pancake Party sponsored by the Holy Cross parish will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Tickets are available from parish Christian Family Movement members.

The Rosary society of St. Matthew parish will sponsor a gift exchange party Tuesday, Nov. 29. Recitation of the Rosary in the parish church at 7:45 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Priests On Hand Minutes After Crash

Seattle, Wash. — (NC) — Two priests were on hand to aid the victims within minutes after the giant non-scheduled airliner crashed on take-off here killing 27 and injuring others of the 46 on board. Father Rayner Harrington, O.F.

Crown Point PTA Hears Of Electronics

Crown Point — Lifting a curtain on the future, Fred Weidemann of Illinois Bell showed some of the latest developments from Bell Laboratories and gave a hint of the marvels to come through "Sun, Sand and Transistors" at the St. Mary's PTA meeting.

WEIDEMANN demonstrated the "solar battery," calling it "Bell's new born baby." The battery converts as much as 11 per cent of the energy it receives from the sun directly into electricity, he said. The material for the battery cells is obtained from the most abundant of the earth's natural deposits, common sand, refined into silicon. It resembles a big coin slot card.

The transistor, nicknamed by Weidemann as Bell's "growing boy," is rapidly replacing the vacuum tube for its economical manufacture and upkeep and almost indefinite wearability. The main element of the transistor, a small one inch cylinder, is germanium, through which current flows and is magnified 100 times.

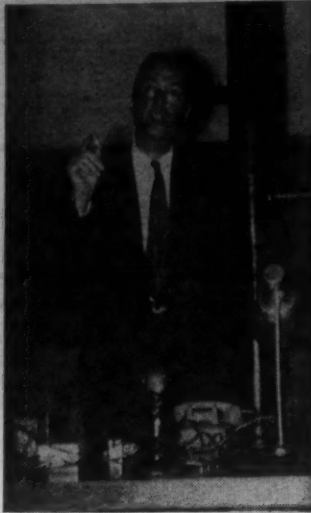
Weidemann has worked for the Bell System for 37 years, advancing from pay station collector to information manager out of the Chicago public relations office. He served as manager in Hammond for 21 years.

Mrs. John Kluesener, program chairman, introduced the speaker. Presiding at the business meeting was Mrs. Vito Manno, president.

Westinghouse Official

Fort Wayne — Donald H. McGannon, former Dumont Network general manager, has been elected president of the Westinghouse Broadcasting company, according to word received here. A 1940 graduate of Fordham college, McGannon currently resides in Norwalk, Conn., with his family. Westinghouse radio outlet in the Fort Wayne diocese is WOWO, Fort Wayne.

M. of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and Father James Buck of St. Edward's, hearing the radio flash, sped to the scene to give absolution and Extreme Unction.



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Gary Women Sponsor Contest

Gary — Seventh and eighth grade pupils of Gary Catholic schools are taking part in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by the Gary Deanery Council of Catholic Women. This was reported by Mrs. Earl Brown, Home, School and PTA chairman of the group at a board meeting here last week.

Also it was announced that the council will take part in Gary's second annual Christ Child Festival to be held this year Dec. 18-20 at Memorial auditorium.

A School of Instruction for parish representatives will be held in the near future, according to Mr. H. H. Feierabend and Mrs. Frank H. Collins, co-chairmen of the school.

The deanery meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at St. Hedwig parish. Mrs. Walter Kustron, Immigration and Americanization chairman, will arrange the program.

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Conducted for the largest Fourth Degree class ever assembled here, the exemplification was under the jurisdiction of the Northern Indiana Fourth Degree district.

Members of the class include Father Harold W. Riley, C.S.C., Father Michael J. Vichuras, Joseph M. Bauer, Stanley Bojarski, Paul J. Bruck, Jr., Joseph S. Chimento, Albert J. Dougherty, Frank Roy Fogarty, William J. Furey, Paul T. Gervais, Paul B. Godolli, Jr., Roman L. Guentert, Aloysius F. Hosinski, Chester L. Jankowski, Edwin A. Kalcynski, Roy J. Klecka, Stanley J. Kusch, John Albert Lauer, Michael G. Lehnert, Charles C. Ludgate, Joseph Martonosi.

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Also Gerald E. Rigaby, Dunkirk; Thomas E. Fitzgerald and John Myron Moser, Valparaiso; M. B. Bergerson, Paul J. Coughlin and Clemens J. Woes, Michigan City.

Also John Oster, Logansport; J. Richard Milroy, Peru; Joseph E. Maroney, Fort Wayne; Emery F. Vargo, Niles, Mich., and Alan J. Rick, Winona, Minn.

Michael Kast Named Deputy Prosecutor

Fort Wayne — Michael Kast, 2031 Bayer ave., has been appointed a deputy Allen county prosecutor by Prosecutor Glenn Beams. A native of Fort Wayne, Kast was graduated from Central Catholic high school, Indiana university and served three years in the Army in the Judge Advocate corps. He has been practicing law in Fort Wayne since June 1 and is a member of the Indiana State Bar association, Allen County Bar association, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Beams said Kast's duties would include preparation of trial cases.

7th Term As Mayor

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — Mayor Josaphat T. Benoit, Catholic layman and editor of the French language weekly newspaper, L'Action, has been elected for a record-breaking seventh consecutive term as Manchester's chief executive.

Heads Alumnae Group

Fort Wayne — Officers of St. Augustine Alumnae association were re-elected at a recent meeting. They are Mrs. Jules Doriot, president; Mrs. Harold Hester, vice president; Mrs. Charles Poole, secretary, and Mrs. Miles Dettler, treasurer. Mrs. Eugene Sarrazin was elected to the post of historian.

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The plaque honoring the late Notre Dame coach was placed by the Coliseum commission and the Notre Dame club of Los Angeles. It will be dedicated along with a plaque honoring former USC Coach Howard Jones.

The 25th anniversary of Rockne's death in a plane crash was commemorated several weeks ago during the ND-Navy game at Notre Dame.

Purple Takes Opener, 51-43

Fort Wayne—The Central Catholic Fighting Irish presented Coach Terry Coonan with a birthday present last week by defeating the Elmhurst Trojans 51-43 in the opening game of the net season.

Both teams displayed a ragged brand of basketball and neither could manage a commanding lead until the Irish pulled away in the final quarter.

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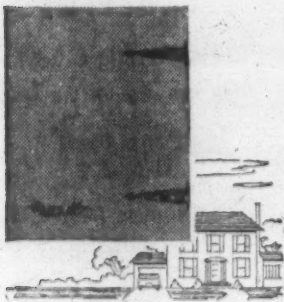
PAST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Indiana State Deputy George M. Kinzel's memory was honored last week when five Lake county councils joined to initiate a class of 80 new knights at the Gary K. of C. building. A former railroad executive, Kinzel served the Knights of Columbus in various capacities on the local, state and national levels. He died early this year. Left to right, standing, are

Nick J. Keserich, Father Clemens L. Koors, Peter Yesh, J. D. Enright and W. R. May, and, seated, William Schulte, Dennis Holland, Gerald Daly, William McLaughlin and Robert Boyle. All are K. of C. officials. Enright delivered the main address at the banquet following the initiation. — (OSV photo by Al Smith)

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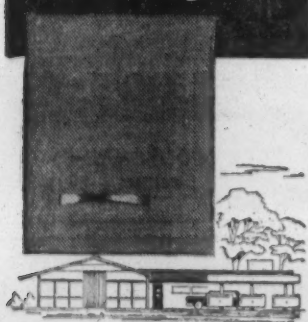
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As friends of Christ and members of His Church, we have no reason for any disturbing fear of death. We should think of death as the beginning of our "true life,"

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(The above is part of the "Dignity of Man" program sponsored by the Indiana State Knights of Columbus council — Ed.)

UPHOLDS CONCORDAT

Vienna—(NC) — The executive committee of the Catholic-oriented Austrian People's Party has announced that it recognizes the validity of the 1934 concordat with the Holy See.



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Indian Cardinal Gets N.D. Degree

Notre Dame — Valerian Cardinal Gracias, archbishop of Bombay, this week received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Notre Dame. Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, conferred the honor on the Indian prelate at a special convocation in Sacred Heart church on the campus.

CARDINAL Gracias, the first of his countrymen to be elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals, was cited for "his efforts to achieve social justice for the destitute of India." He was praised for "his great triumph as a natural leader over difficulties and hardships so immense as to stir the soul."

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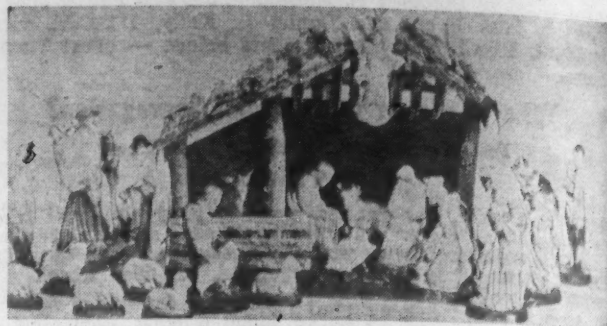
Feast Now Holiday

Vienna — (Radio, NC) — The Austrian government has restored the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 as a legal holiday. The action was taken in response to a petition sponsored by the People's Party, which is largely Catholic and backed by 1,250,000 signers.

tour of the United States, Cardinal Gracias came to the Notre Dame campus — from Chicago where he has been the guest of Samuel Cardinal Stritch. He is visiting Los Angeles this weekend.

Cardinal Gracias was named a Prince of the Church by Pope Pius XII at the consistory of January 12, 1953. Since 1950 he had served as the Archbishop of Bombay, the first native Indian to hold that post.

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